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PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS

Mr. Taft's First Annual Message
Covers Large Number
of Subjects

SETTLEMENT OF CANADIAN QUESTIONS

Drastic Reduction in Expenditures
Suggested So as to
Meet Revenue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft today sent his first annual message to Congress. The anti-trust and interstate commerce laws are not dealt with at this time, the President stating that he preferred to embody them in a special message, and would avail himself of the first opportunity to bring the subject to the attention of Congress.

In the interest of immediate economy, and because of the prospect of a deficit, the President says he has required a reduction in the estimates of the war department for the coming fiscal year, which brings the total estimates down to an amount forty-five millions less than the corresponding estimates for last year, and that he has directed the curtailment of recommendations for naval appropriations so that they are thirty-eight millions less than the corresponding estimates of last year.

Regarding the Nicaraguan situation and the execution of two Americans by order of President Zelaya, the United States government, at the date when this message is printed, "is proceeding with deliberate circumspection to determine the exact truth in relation to these reports, and upon the course in the premises most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and to civilization."

The American claim of Alsop and Company against the government of Chile, which the governments of the United States and Chile have agreed to submit to King Edward for mediation, is touched upon and among the other subjects referred to by the President are the fisheries convention between Great Britain, Canada and the United States; the treaty concerning the Canadian international boundary; and the settlement of other international affairs between Canada and the United States.

In conclusion the President says: "Generally speaking, the country is in a high state of prosperity and there is every reason to believe that we are on the eve of a substantial expansion."

The message is, in part, as follows:

Relations with Canada.

"The relations of the United States with all foreign governments have continued upon the normal basis of amity and good understanding, and are very generally satisfactory. Pursuant to the provisions of the general treaty of arbitration concluded between the United States and Great Britain, April 4, 1908, a special agreement was entered into January 27, 1909, for the submission of questions relating to the fisheries on the North Atlantic Coast to a tribunal to be formed from members of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague. In accordance with the provisions of the special agreement the printed case of each government was on October 4 last submitted to the other and the arbitral tribunal at The Hague, and the counter case of the United States is now in course of preparation. The American rights under the fisheries article of the treaty of 1818 have been a cause of difference between the United States and Great Britain for nearly seventy years. The interests involved are of great importance to the American fishermen, and the final settlement of the controversy will remove a source of constant irritation and complaint. This is the first case involving such great international questions which has been submitted to the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

"The treaty between the United States and Great Britain concerning the Canadian international boundary, concluded April 11, 1908, authorizes the appointment of two commissioners to define and mark accurately the international boundary line between the United States and Canada in the waters

of the Pacific, and provides for the exchange of briefs within the period of six months. The briefs were duly presented within the prescribed period, but as the commissioners failed to agree within six months after the exchange of the printed statements, as required by the treaty, it has now become necessary to resort to the arbitration provided for in the articles.

"The international fisheries commission appointed to and under the authority of the convention of April 11, 1908, between the United States and Great Britain, has completed a system of uniform and common international relations for the protection and preservation of the food fishes in the international boundary waters of the United States and Canada. The regulations will be duly submitted to Congress with a view to the enactment of such legislation as will be necessary, the convention to put them into operation.

"The convention providing for the settlement of international differences between the United States and Canada, including the apportionment between the two countries of certain of the boundary waters and the appointment of commissioners to adjust certain other questions, signed on the 11th day of January, 1909, and to the ratification of which the Senate gives its advice and consent on March 3, 1909, has not yet been ratified on the part of Great Britain.

"Commissioners have been appointed on the part of the United States to act jointly with commissioners on the part of Canada in examining into the question of obstructions in the St. John river between Maine and New Brunswick, and to make recommendations for the regulation of the uses thereof, and are now engaged in this work.

"Negotiations for an international conference to consider and reach an arrangement providing for the preservation and protection of the fur seals in the North Pacific are in progress with the governments of Great Britain, Japan and Russia. The attitude of the governments interested leads me to hope for a satisfactory settlement of this question as the ultimate outcome of the negotiations.

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SCORES KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Blowing Up of Gasometer at
Hamburg Costs Lives of
Many Men

HAMBURG, Dec. 7.—The explosion of two gas tanks of the so-called "Kleines Gas Brau" on the Elbe front this afternoon was followed by an extensive fire and the loss of many lives. The explosion was due to a leak in a new gasometer. Escaping gas entered the retort house, where it came in contact with the fires, causing a terrific explosion.

A large number of workmen were engaged in reducing and clearing the plant. Twenty-five of the men were employed near the gasometer. They disappeared in a mass of debris, which shot up to a great height. Firemen with apparatus appeared quickly on the scene, but they were unable to approach in large force owing to the isolated situation of the establishment.

Up to a late hour tonight ten men are reported dead and seventeen missing. It is almost certain that all of these are dead. Forty men were dangerously injured, of whom several are recovering. The fire rained rapid headwinds, and threatened the old gasometer, containing 50,000 cubic metres of gas. So intense was the heat that the firemen were compelled to withdraw to a safe distance.

A terrific explosion soon occurred, and the tower became a mass of flames which leaped hundreds of feet into the air, sending fragments of fire all over the city and harbor.

After strenuous efforts the fire was got under control and the rescue work was carried on vigorously. There is little hope of finding the bodies of the missing, if they have been killed, as they undoubtedly have been incinerated.

The new gasometer which exploded was the largest in the world, having a capacity of 200,000 cubic metres. The city appropriated 14,000,000 marks (\$3,500,000) for its construction.

APPEAL JUDGES HERE

Chief Justice Macdonald and Justice
Gallagher Arrive to Take the
Oath.

Hon. J. A. Macdonald, K. C., the newly appointed Chief Justice of the Appellate Court of British Columbia, has arrived in Victoria with Mrs. Macdonald, who has lived in Rossland for many years past, and enjoys the undivided respect of the Kootenay community, has announced that he is removing his family to Victoria, and will at once take up his residence in this city.

Hon. W. A. Gallagher, justice of the same court, also arrived last evening, joining Mr. Justice Murphy, who preceded him. The oath will be administered to the four judges of the appellate division today. Mr. Justice Murphy will also take the oath.

Waters-Pierce Property Sold.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 7.—At public auction today the Texas property of the Waters-Pierce Oil company was sold on account of the anti-trust suits and other proceedings instituted some time ago.

Newfoundland Storm.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 7.—Several times during the long-continued gale the steamer Rosalia was dangerously near the southern Newfoundland coast. So severe was the storm that Capt. Smith believes it likely that most of the sailing vessels now overdue have been wrecked. The Rosalia lost some cargo, which was washed from her decks.

FEEDERS FOR INTERCOLONIAL

Bill Introduced in Commons to
Allow the Acquisition of
Branch Lines

NAVAL MEASURE TO FOLLOW BUDGET

Abuse of Power By U. S. Im-
migration Officials is Dis-
cussed

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—The major part of today's sitting of the house was taken up by the consideration of two of Mr. Graham's intercolonial bills. The first and more important gives the government power to enter into negotiations for the acquisition by lease or otherwise of branch lines connecting with the people's road. This was dealt with exhaustively in the committee stage, and now stands for third reading. The other measure amends the intercolonial provision fund regulations, reducing the time for a member to participate.

Mr. Graham in moving the second reading of his bill to authorize the government to acquire by lease lines of railways connected with the government railway, explained that it gave the minister power to lease or acquire branch lines on the report of the intercolonial board of management. No lines shall be taken over unless the chief engineer of the department reports that they are in good order and in safe condition for operation, and no lines shall be taken over and no contract entered into without first submitting it to parliament for approval.

This bill called for a variety of opinions. W. F. Maclean asked if this meant a step further in the way of government ownership. Mr. Graham laughed and avoided a direct reply to this. Hon. John Haggart asked what lines were in view as possible for acquisition. He did not see the necessity of the bill. It asked for power to negotiate, but surely the government possessed that without coming to parliament. Mr. Graham replied that no particular branch lines were in his mind when the bill was framed. So long as the government owned the road, which he hoped would be for many years to come, it was their duty to make the best possible use of it. Mr. Borden thought that it was a wise provision to come to parliament for the right to negotiate for feeders of the I. C. R.

To Mr. Borden Sir Wilfrid Laurier said it was hoped to introduce the naval bill immediately after the disposal of the budget next week.

Mr. Monk asked that there should be laid on the table of the house all correspondence, dispatches, cables and communications between the imperial and Canadian governments concerning the naval defence programme since the conference held in London last summer. The premier said he had no objection to this being done.

Mr. Schaffner brought up the case of the Rev. T. Davidson, of Belfast, Ireland, who had been turned back at the border and sent to Winnipeg to take out papers to the effect that he was not an undesirable. Dr. Schaffner asked what the government was going to do about these frequent cases of apparently high-handed officialdom on the part of the United States immigration authorities. Mr. Oliver replied that the government had no jurisdiction over these American officials. Mr. Foster said this reply was far from satisfactory. Last session the whole matter was gone into in similar cases, and the premier then intimated that it would be taken up with the United States. Canadians showed poor spirit unless they resented such indignities. The government should take the matter up and probe it. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he was under the impression that representations had been made and some arrangement arrived at.

IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE COSTLY

C. P. R. Contemplates Van-
couver Subway and Main
Line Changes

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7.—Nearly all details of the project for building a subway between the inlet front and the False Creek railway yards have been worked out by the local engineering staff of the Canadian Pacific railway. The proposed work may be started next year. It would do away with the present surface track across the narrow neck of land separating the inlet from False Creek. The track now bisects Powell, Cordova, Alexandra, Carrall, Hastings and Pender streets.

For the purpose of carrying out this big undertaking an appropriation of one million dollars will be asked for by E. F. Busted, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the railway, at the annual conference of officials of all the Western divisions to be held in Winnipeg next week, under the direction of William Whyte.

Another important matter to be dealt with at the Winnipeg conference will be the proposed improvements along the main line between Lytton and Hope, embracing the Fraser River canyon. This work will also call for the expenditure of at least a million

dollars. It will virtually involve the rebuilding of many miles of line between those two points.

Insurance Superintendents.
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Insurance superintendents of fourteen states met here today to consider recommendations to make to the state legislatures looking to more uniform laws regulating life and fraternal life insurance companies. The conference, which will last three days, is not open to the public.

NANAIMO PROGRESSIVE

Project Now on Foot For Building of
New Opera House and Dance
Hall.

NANAIMO, Dec. 7.—A company is being incorporated in this city for the purpose of building a new opera house and dance hall that, when completed, will compare favorably with any on the Pacific coast. The company, which is backed by five of Nanaimo's business men, is now being formed and is meeting with much encouragement, and the construction of a thoroughly modern and up-to-date theatre seems only a question of a short time. The need of a place of amusement of this kind, with accommodation for the best companies visiting the coast, has been long felt here, and the announcement that a new theatre will shortly be constructed is welcome news to the citizens.

The promoters have an option on the property now known as the Palace hotel. They have arranged with the Western Fuel Co. for the purchase of the ground adjoining it. They propose to build a theatre two stories high, 152 feet in length and 50 feet wide, with a seating capacity of 1000, and a number in emergency can be increased by two or three hundred. The second or upper story is to form the ball room.

Plans have been prepared for the theatre, and they provide for a fine and strictly up-to-date play house. The building itself is to be built of concrete and the roof is to be of metal, making the structure practically fireproof. The approximate cost of the building will be \$40,000, and present indications are that this amount will be readily subscribed.

TO MOVE GRAIN VIA PACIFIC

Hon. W. H. Cushing Wants Al-
berta and B. C. Govern-
ments to Co-Operate

With the object of interviewing Premier McBride on the question of the two governments co-operating in helping towards the movement of the Alberta crops via the Pacific coast, Hon. W. H. Cushing, Minister of Public Works of Alberta, arrived in the city last night. Today he sees the Premier when some definite plan in which both governments can assist will probably be developed.

Mr. Cushing states that there is a strong desire through his province to have a more direct way. The matter has been taken up through the Pacific Elevator Company, but while a little of the crop is coming, the majority of the farmers are holding the grain as up to the present the Canadian Pacific railway has not shown any great inclination to cater to this trade westwards. In the crusade to bring about this freight movement westwards, Alberta has had to reckon with the powerful grain interests at Winnipeg, Port Arthur and Montreal, all of which are anxious to see this trade find an outlet by the Atlantic ports.

Seeks Aid of British Columbia

The plan which the Alberta government has adopted and which it seeks the co-operation of British Columbia, Mr. Cushing would not state. It is understood, however, that it deals with the provision of terminals for elevators and other shipping facilities. Mr. Cushing is very optimistic over the prospects for this trade, but considers that the help of both governments is necessary in order to foster the initiative which the elevator companies have already shown.

Asked about the policy of guaranteeing the bonds of railroads upon which Alberta has entered to a large extent, Mr. Cushing stated that this system was the best way of aiding railways, if done in a judicious manner. His government had guaranteed the bonds of the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific to a considerable extent, and it never anticipated being called upon to pay a cent. The bringing in of railways by this means, was in order to open up the province. Such railways had necessarily to head for large centres and in doing so very often paralleled existing lines. This was the case in Alberta.

Active Building

Since the railway policy of Alberta was endorsed by the electorate last spring, the G. T. P. and C. N. R. had been actively carrying on construction. The former road had built some 50 miles from a point on the main line towards Calgary while the Canadian Northern, building from Vegreville towards Calgary had constructed 100 miles. The latter railway was building at the rate of a mile a day, was opening up new territory, and was generally carrying out development work. It was also constructing a line from Saskatoon to join the line from Vegreville graded since last spring. Both of these branch lines of the G. T. P. and the C. N. R. will also run south to the international boundary, and give other outlets for traffic.

By Mr. Cushing considered that there was no possibility of the government being embarrassed in any way. Alberta had only commenced assisting railways. His government realized the immense momentum which such assistance gave to development, and anticipated that considerable further aid would be given.

Mr. Cushing was in British Columbia last spring. Since that time he says there has been considerable development and throughout those portions of the province he has visited he notices every evidence of prosperity.

TARIFF TALK IN ENGLAND

Mr. Chamberlain's Scheme of
Reform Made Public This
Morning

PREFERENCE FOR COLONIAL PRODUCTS

Head of Cotton Federation Of-
fers Plea For Continued
Free Trade

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Birmingham Daily Post will tomorrow publish an article from inspired sources outlining the tariff reform plan which is likely to be proposed by the Unionist government if the Unionists are successful at the elections, prefacing it with the remark that the country's financial necessities are much greater than they were in 1905, when Joseph Chamberlain started the movement. The article proceeds:

"It is proposed to establish a general tariff, placing duties on practically all goods that are not deemed raw material, with the object, first, of raising revenue, secondly, of assisting the home producer against foreign competition, third, of giving preference to colonies, fourth, of securing better terms from foreign countries, and fifth, of giving employment by encouraging home production.

"The tariff will be of the simplest possible form, not protective in the sense that is understood in Germany and the United States. There is no intention of having multifarious rates, which would throw open the doors to parliamentary intrigue. The plan favored is to allow new materials to come in duty free and to impose a five per cent duty on partly manufactured goods, ten per cent on articles nearly completed and fifteen per cent on goods completely manufactured. There may possibly be a slightly lower duty in favor of the colonies and a slightly higher tariff against countries seeking unduly to penalize British goods.

"Foreign wheat will be liable to a duty of two shillings per quarter, with preference for the colonies, but not the removal of the whole duty. Flour will pay a higher rate in order to encourage home grinding, while bacon and maize will also be excluded from the free list. Important raw material, such as cotton and wool, will enter free. A tariff framed thus, it is stated, would produce a revenue of from sixteen to 20 million pounds. If the Unionists are returned, every possible effort will be made to embody the new duties in 1910 or at latest in 1911. Maximum duties will be withheld for two years, in order to give time to negotiate commercial agreements with foreign countries."

Right Hon. George Wyndham, member of the House of Commons for Dover, speaking in London tonight, also intimated that the Unionist government proposed to propose a ten per cent duty on manufactured articles and two shillings on wheat.

Charles Wright Macara, head of the cotton federation of Great Britain, in an interview on the political crisis, revealed himself as a strong advocate of free trade.

"In fifteen years, Lancashire," he said, "was doubled in population, had doubled its cotton-spinning and manufacturing machinery and built up an export trade three times bigger than its home trade. This former growth has been maintained by the cheapness of production. Tax food and mill requisites and our pre-eminence would be endangered. Protected America, where two-thirds of the world's cotton crop grows, exports ten per cent of her manufactured goods, against England's 75 per cent. If other nations had to discount to some extent the handicap which protection imposes upon them by working longer hours, but next year the mills of Massachusetts and Germany will by statute have their working hours reduced to nearly the same level as England. Let the cotton industry be imperilled and every other industry suffers. The teeming population of Lancashire are among the biggest consumers of agricultural products."

MORE LOBSTERS

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—It is understood that the Dominion government will make another shipment of live lobsters this spring from Halifax and plant them in Pacific waters. Three shipments of these live lobsters have already been made in the effort to get them to live in Pacific waters, which are considered by experts to be ideal for the purpose. The latest shipment was made last spring, and until the present, with one exception, none of the lobsters have been caught or seen from once being set free on the Pacific Coast. It is not known whether they have lived or not.

The government has not thought it advisable to make extensive tests of the results on the B. C. coast until 1911, when about 1,000 traps will be placed where the lobsters were put into the sea, and it will then be ascertained whether or not the experiment has been a success.

Threatened by Mob

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky., Dec. 7.—When Early Thompson a negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Maggie Roberts, of Dry Ridge, three weeks ago, was brought here today, a mob surrounded the train. Sheriff Caster and two deputies with drawn revolvers rushed their prisoner into the station and out the back door and up the street to the jail. The mob followed, hooting and yelling "lynch him." A crowd of men surrounded the jail, and they declared the negro would be hanged if the grand jury fails to indict him.

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H. Wagner, the expert inspector of the Pacific Coast Fire Underwriters' association, of Portland, Ore., who has been brought here by the Vancouver Island Underwriters' association to examine and report upon the city's present condition in regard to fire protection expressed the above opinion yesterday afternoon after witnessing two runs made by the department at his request.

Mr. Wagner has already tested the pumping efficiency of the engines and looked over the apparatus and yesterday a run of the brigade was held with the object of seeing just how promptly the department could respond. Beyond being informed that the test would be made some time yesterday afternoon Chief Davis was told of the time and the men were going about their regular routine duties when an alarm from box No. 5, corner of Menzies and Michigan street, was rung in promptly at 2.45. One minute later the truck from the James Bay station arrived at the spot and in two and one-half minutes from the time the gong tapped in the central fire hall Chief Davis reached Mr. Wagner, who had sent in the alarm, and four and one-half minutes later the rest of the apparatus from the central hall, including the Waterous engine, with a three-horse hitch, the hook and ladder truck, chemical and hose wagon arrived. In ten minutes the Yates street station apparatus was on hand.

Another Fine Showing

The brigade was on its way back to the hall and with the exception of the engine, had arrived there, when another alarm, this time from box 62, corner of Store street and Discovery street, was rung in by G. V. Lawry, secretary of the Vancouver Island Underwriters' association, at 3 o'clock. The chief, hose reel and chemical made the run in exactly two minutes, while the steamer, which had reached Cormorant street on its return from the first alarm, arrived at the corner of Store and Discovery streets half a minute later and the chemical at the Douglas street hall made the run in four minutes, and that from Victoria West in five minutes from the time the alarm was turned in.

On the way to the second alarm Chief Davis had a narrow escape on Cormorant street. A lumber wagon driven by a Chinaman was backing out across the roadway and the chief's buggy was forced over against the curb, just managing to get around. The heavy engine coming later could not negotiate the narrow passage and crashed into the rear end of the wag-

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gon, throwing it around but not turning it over.

Mr. Wagner stated after the test that when he sent in the alarm from the corner of Michigan and Menzies streets he gave the brigade eight minutes within which to respond, making allowance for the possible blockade which might take place on the causeway. That the department negotiated the run in a trifle over four minutes he considered a fine showing. He had a buggy in which to make his way to the corner of Store and Discovery, where he intended to join Mr. Lawry and time the brigade on its second run, but the brigade got there first and were pulled up when Mr. Wagner drove up.

Inspects High Pressure Plant

Yesterday morning Mr. Wagner looked over the salt water, high pressure plant. The engines were merely turned over and no demonstration of the pumping ability of the two big pumps was attempted. The steam pump on which trouble had occurred by over-heated bearings is now practically in first-class working order and the electric pump is being tested and works well. Mr. Wagner stated that he did not expect that the pumps would do their best at first. All new machinery takes some time to "set" and the pumping machinery in the plant here will prove no exception. As it is, the steam pump could now be used should any serious conflagration break out. He believed that the installation of the plant has been carried out well.

As to what the prospects of further insurance reductions may be Mr. Wagner could not say. His business was to report on the efficiency of the department and what the underwriters may do on his report he could not say. But he stated that compared with other cities Victoria has not too high rates.

Mr. Lawry also expressed himself well pleased with the test runs of the brigade, but on the point of rates he stated he had nothing to say.

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IS EXPECTED HOME TODAY

Hon. Richard McBride Will Proceed to Kamloops to Attend Convention

Premier McBride has arranged to return from his brief holiday south, upon which he is accompanied by Mrs. McBride, this afternoon, in order that he may leave for the Conservative convention at Kamloops in company with the other members of the Victoria delegation. After the convention, the Premier expects to pay a flying visit to Yale, and soon after his return to Victoria he will be interviewed by Mr. William Mackenzie, and Mann for the building of the Canadian Northern through British Columbia from the Yellowhead Pass to a final terminus on Barkley Sound. Hon. Thomas Taylor will also leave for Kamloops, the convention city, this evening; while Hon. Messrs. Bowser and Ellison will remain at the Capital.

C. N. R. Plans

The Canadian Northern railway expects within the next few days to complete the line running from Hawkesbury to Ottawa, and to establish a regular service between the ancient capital of Quebec and the present capital, Ottawa, says the Financial Post. A temporary terminus in Ottawa near the Ottawa and New York station will be utilized until the decision of the railway commission is given in regard to the use of the Central station, although the road thereto has been practically completed.

The Quebec-Ottawa line will bring the Maritime provinces into closer relation with the federal capital. At present a night service will be installed between the two cities, a train leaving Quebec at 11 p.m. will arrive at Ottawa at 9.30 a.m. the following morning, and a train leaving Ottawa at 8.20 p.m. will reach Quebec at 7.20 a.m. Passengers from the Maritime provinces can leave the Intercolonial at Levis, cross to Quebec, spend half a day there, leave Quebec at night and arrive at Ottawa nearly as soon as if they had travelled directly through to Montreal, under present services. Later on with increased train service the Canadian Northern and Intercolonial lines will supply the shortest link between the Maritime provinces and the capital. This factor will assist the Canadian Northern in its endeavor to take over the Intercolonial.

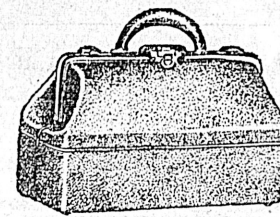
In the spring it is expected that work will be begun on the line from Hawkesbury to Montreal, along the Ottawa river, which will give a third short line between the metropolis and the political capital.

Ottawa-Toronto

Half of the projected line from Ottawa to Toronto is already under contract, and the balance will be let in the spring. The result of this activity will be that within two years the east-

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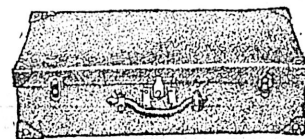
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A BOARD OF CONTROL

Mr. R. L. Drury favors us with a letter on municipal matters in which he makes a strong argument for the establishment of a Board of Control. We ask all readers interested in the well-being of the city, to peruse what our correspondent says. The question is one of the greatest importance. Events are transpiring daily showing the necessity of action of some kind. Take the case of the Smith's Hill reservoir. Is there a man in the city, who is satisfied with what has been done there? The statement of Mr. Icke laid before the City Council by Alderman Ross, is of itself sufficient to cause the people to realize that there is great danger in allowing things to go on as they now are. To whom are we to look for the responsibility for what has taken place there? Shall we lay the blame upon Mr. Adams? He is a long way off, and perhaps it would be safe to make him a scapegoat. Is it true, as Mr. Icke says, that he warned the Water Commissioner that things were going wrong and resigned in consequence, and are we to throw the responsibility upon Mr. Rayner? Is it Mayor Hall, who must assume the responsibility of what is admitted seemingly to be a bad job? Or must we hold the whole City Council to account? No one can answer these questions, either now or at a future date; whereas if the city were governed by a Board of Control, we would know at once where the blame lay. This is only one illustration.

The whole civic administration shows the need of a permanent board of management, the members of which will be responsible to the people and will be required to give their whole time to their public duties. Mr. Drury draws the distinction between permanent officials appointed by the Council and a permanent Board of Control elected by the people, and draws it very well. The Board would be permanent in one sense, although not in another. It is permanent because it would possess a certain continuity of tenure, and yet it would be so directly responsible to the people, that the acts of the controllers would be under close public supervision. We agree with Mr. Drury that too much is often expected from the Aldermen. They are almost invariably men, who have their own business affairs to attend to, and it is unreasonable to expect them to give up any more time to public business than has been customary in the past. Indeed the man, who would be content to devote his whole time to public business for the sake of the small stipend attached to the position of alderman, would not be fit, except in exceedingly exceptional cases, to discharge the duties which he would assume. Therefore there seems to us to be no better way to attain the desired results in the way of good municipal administration than to have a Board of Control and we hope the people will so decide.

RACE TRACK GAMBLING

The measure for the suppression of gambling on race tracks is now before a special committee of the House of Commons, and it seems timely for an expression of opinion upon it. The representative of Victoria in the House, Mr. G. H. Barnard, has placed himself on record in no uncertain words, and we think that he has voiced the sentiments of the great majority of his constituents. Victoria has had one season's experience of race-track gambling and does not want another. The Colonist does not take a narrow view of this matter. It knows all that has been said in favor of the practice, and admits that some of it may be sound. It knows also all that has been said against it, and admits that some of it may be unsound. But it also knows that, taken as a whole, a season of race-track gambling is a pernicious thing and it therefore favors the adoption of legislation which will prevent it in future.

A favorite argument used by those, who favor the practice, is that it is permitted in England. That proves nothing except that it is permitted in England. It is permitted, but it is not defended. Let us not be misunderstood in this matter. There is probably nothing specially wrong in two persons, who can afford to do so, wagering money on a horse race or anything else. But there are many things, not wrong in themselves, that are highly inexpedient, and which lead to moral wrong. In England the gambling fever is in the blood of millions, and no one denies that it is the cause of great evil. The reason why the practice has not been stopped in England is because public sentiment has not yet been aroused to the necessity of suppressing it. When that time comes,

it will be suppressed quickly enough. We are not dealing with things as they are in England, but as they are in Canada, with conditions that are not the outcome of anything that has transpired in England, but are due to what has transpired in America. Race-track gambling has been driven out of United States cities and is seeking refuge in Canada. It ought to be driven out of Canada, and we hope Parliament will pass the measure now before it in such a form as will secure the desired results. We are very confident that if a popular vote could be taken in Victoria on the subject, a very large majority of the people would declare against race-track gambling.

LIBERAL VIEWS

The Halifax Chronicle and the St. John Sun are Liberal newspapers and this fact gives their views on the recent election a special interest. The Chronicle makes the mistake of saying that the elections were sprung upon the country. It is not well informed on this point, for every one knew they were coming. Mr. McBride made no secret of his intention to dissolve the House and appeal to the people on a railway policy, and our Liberal friends for months in advance insisted that the elections would be held before Christmas and no one denied it. Our Halifax contemporary attributes the result to the railway policy, to the excellence of the Conservative organization and to Mr. McBride's personal popularity. It says: "The Premier is exceedingly popular, and his personality was doubtless a factor in his success." The Chronicle would not make a mistake if it would seek out the cause of Mr. McBride's personal strength, for it would find that it arises from good administration, which has won the public's confidence. After discussing the cause of the government victory, the Chronicle indulges in a pipe dream after the following fashion:

His sweeping victory is ominous for Mr. Borden, for it is an open secret that Mr. McBride was playing for bigger stakes than the return of his government. He has his eye on the Federal leadership, and the prestige he has gained by his overwhelming rout of the Liberal forces, backed by Sir Hilbert Tupper, will make him a formidable candidate for the leadership when the Conservatives meet in convention next summer. The rise of McBride portends greater dissension and more discord in the Opposition camp, for Mr. Borden's friends are not going to see him deposed by a rank outsider without a fight. Then there is Sir Hilbert Tupper to be reckoned with. It will be passing strange if he allows his arch-enemy to grasp the chieftainship of the Tory party. Taking all in all, the McBride victory is likely to cause far more worry to the Tory party than to the Liberals.

We quote this for the purpose of saying that Mr. McBride entertains no such ideas as are advanced therein. He has a great work to do in British Columbia, enough to tax the ability and satisfy the ambition of any man. The St. John Sun falls into the same error, and also makes others. For example, it says that the Opposition members were elected by constituencies "that had nothing to gain from McBride's policy." As every one in the province knows, this is altogether wrong. Esquimalt and Alberni are directly interested in the construction of the Canadian Northern, which will run for a hundred miles through the former and give a new outlet to the latter. The Sun is unfair enough to reflect upon what it calls Mr. McBride's "methods," and to charges of graft. The Sun ought to be above retailing these worn-out scandals. It makes the following observations, which are worth reproduction.

The electors of British Columbia have given another notable instance of the public's admiration for men and governments who do things. Regarding methods and details of policy the people of this country show little concern. What they want is practical results. Premier McBride has a good record of practical work for his province. In this instance he promised the people a big, new railway scheme. They wanted the railway and Mr. McBride stood for the railway, so they voted solidly for McBride. Only four of his opponents have survived the landslide of ballots, and there were in constituencies which had nothing to gain from McBride's policy.

This condition of public sentiment is probably inevitable in a young and rapidly growing country where all men are busy making a living and as much more as they can. In time we shall outgrow it and learn to consider, in our estimate of men and things, other than the material issues. But in the meantime there is small profit in criticizing political parties and leaders for catering to this sentiment. They know what the people want, and that they must deliver the desired goods if they would get what they desire. Not to act upon this knowledge would be political suicide.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Time was when a message of the President of the United States to Congress contained few references to foreign affairs, and it is an indication of the trend of affairs that President Taft devotes considerable space to their discussion in the document submitted to Congress yesterday. He asserts the intention of the government to do its duty in respect to Nicaragua, having regard to "its moral obligation to Central America and to civilization" and he adds that it may be necessary to make this the subject of a later message. He hopes for a satisfactory settlement of the sealing question, and says that negotiations are now in progress with the governments of Great Britain, Russia and Japan. He deals with the Congo question, but more in an academic way than any other, and he re-affirms the determination of the United States to maintain the integrity of China. He says that relations with Japan continue friendly and he comments with satisfaction upon the manner in which the Oriental

power is adhering to her agreement respecting emigration.

The President's observations in regard to the tariff do not cast any light upon the manner in which the "maximum" principles are to be applied and he says that he has appointed a board whose duty it shall be to interpret the law in that regard. To an outsider this seems like a new assumption of power by the Administration. Congress passed a tariff law. Ordinarily, and we think, in accordance with the principles of the Constitution, the only body having a right to interpret that law is the Supreme Court of the United States. It is open, we think to question, if it is within the power of Congress to delegate to any board the power that is vested by the Constitution in the Supreme Court. It looks like a new and far-reaching departure to entrust such a matter to a board appointed by the President.

The army and navy estimates have been scaled down by \$83,000,000. The army is not to be recruited up to its full authorized strength, and only two first-class battleships and one repair vessel are to be constructed. The reduction is in the interest of economy, and it was absolutely necessary to economize somewhere, for the revenue has been running a long way behind the expenditure. In the interest of a greater revenue an increase in postage on magazines and periodicals is asked, which seems to be somewhat of a step backward. The establishment of postal savings banks is favored, which it also would have the effect of putting more money at the disposal of the treasury.

Two very important questions are treated by the President. One of them is the delay in the administration of justice, which he proposes to remedy by the appointment of a commission to examine into the causes of it and propose such amendments to the law as shall meet the exigencies of the case. The other is the use of the injunction. He proposes that the law shall be so amended that federal courts shall not have power to grant injunctions without notice except where irreparable injury may be done in case the injunction is denied and in such cases the nature of the injury shall be specified in the order. He also suggests that the force of injunctions should expire in seven days after they are issued unless they have been renewed after previous notice. There is no doubt that these suggestions are in line with the principles of equity, and if acted on will prevent the extraordinary power of the court in these matters from being abused.

One topic dealt with in the Message has probably never before found its way into an official document, and that is, what is known as "the white slave traffic." The President asks that rigorous steps be taken to prevent the immigration and the transportation across state lines of women intended to be employed for immoral purposes and asks for a substantial grant to enable a law on that subject to be enforced.

The message as a whole seems to be the production of a president, who recognizes the duties of his office, but is not disposed to be specially strenuous in discharging them. Some of the things mentioned in it will meet with almost universal approval; but persons who hoped that the Roosevelt policies were going to be enforced by President Taft will be considerably disappointed.

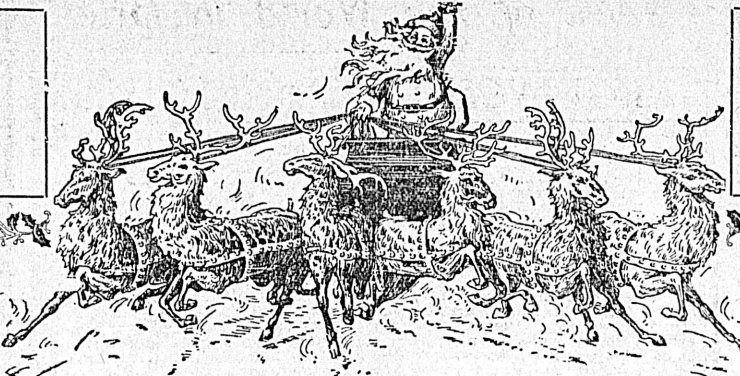
DEVELOPING BRAZIL.

Brazil is a country of which people in other parts of the world hear comparatively little, and it is therefore interesting to know that steps are about to be undertaken that will lead to the opening up of the vast area in the interior lying just east of the Andes. It is proposed to cut a canal connecting one of the tributaries of the Amazon with one of the tributaries of the La Plata, whereby an inland watercourse will be opened from Para at the mouth of the former river to Buenos Ayres at the mouth of the latter, a distance of six thousand miles. The land along the Upper Amazon is said to be equally well adapted to the cultivation of cotton as Mississippi and Alabama, and consequently a great industry may be built up there, which will dispute with the United States for the supremacy of the cotton markets of the world. Then there are vast rubber forests. It is estimated that in three provinces alone there are twenty million rubber trees within a short distance of the river banks. These trees, if properly tapped, will, like the sugar maple, yield their product indefinitely. There are other sources of potential wealth. The mineral resources of the eastern slopes of the Andes can only be guessed at. The climate of Brazil is not favorable to a European population; but in point of natural wealth the country is unsurpassed, and when once steps have been taken towards the development of the country, wonderful results may be anticipated.

Congratulations to the Fifth Regiment upon its splendid showing in its gun practice and general efficiency contests between the artillery regiments of Canada. Particulars will be found in another column, but we may add that it is surely a matter for pride that the Fifth's three companies have won the first, second and third places.

A new discovery is reported from Newfoundland that some of our Victoria people might do well to look into. It is said that a specially prepared paper has been invented, which will preserve fish wrapped in it perfectly fresh for twenty-five days. If this is not exaggerated, it opens an almost unlimited field for business in this province.

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There are but a few shopping days before Xmas, and today seems the ideal time to make the purchase. Choice now is better than it can possibly be at a later date—the variety will soon start to lessen rapidly each day, so come early. The morning has many shopping advantages, besides plenty of elbow room.

Some Specially Good Values in Gift China

A Few Items From a Big Stock of Little-Priced Pieces

On a recent Eastern purchasing trip our china buyer "picked up" several excellent "good buys" in china—which, translated, means that he was fortunate enough to secure some very favorable pricings on some attractive lines of china. Many of these pieces are now on display, and we advise an early tour of inspection. You'll find dozens of specially interesting values throughout the china store. Here are a few lines of little-priced pieces chosen at random—hundreds of others

TEAPOT, SUGAR AND CREAM, 3 pieces, at ...\$1.00
CHEESE DISHES, from, each 50¢
SALAD BOWLS, at, each, 75¢, \$1.50 and\$1.25
BERRY SETS, 6 saucers and bowl. Set\$3.00

CHILD'S SET, 23 pieces—teapot, sugar, cream, 6 cups and saucers, and 6 plates, nice decoration. Per set \$2.00
CHILD'S SET, 17 piece set—teapot, sugar and cream and 6 cups and saucers, attractive decorations. At per set, \$1.50 and\$1.25

"Altrohla" Austrian China---Charming Pieces

Dozens of Gift Suggestions to Be Found in Our Offerings of This Ware

This Altrohla Austrian China discloses some interesting gift suggestions. We list a few of the pieces we have in this pretty floral and gold decoration—decorations that are unusually pleasing. The ware is of splendid quality—this factory is famed for quality. Prices are decidedly reasonable for such excellent pieces.

MUFFIN DISHES, covered. Each\$2.00
PUDDING SET, 3 pieces. Set\$4.50
ORANGE BOWL AND STAND, large size.....\$4.50
CAKE PLATE. Each\$1.25
FRUIT BASKETS at, each, \$2.00 and\$1.50
ICE-CREAM DISH—OR PLATTER\$3.50
HOT MILK POT. Each\$1.00
SUGARS AND CREAMS. Per pair 75¢
TEAPOT, SUGAR AND CREAM, 3 pieces\$2.00
JUGS, at, each, \$1.50, \$1.25 and 85¢

PLATES, at, per dozen, \$17.50 to\$6.00
SYRUP JUG AND PLATE, at\$1.25
COFFEE POTS at, each\$2.00
CHOCOLATE SETS—pot and 6 cups and saucers, at, per set\$5.00
BERRY SETS, 6 saucers and bowl. Set\$3.50
LUNCH SET—tray and cup. Set\$2.00
CHOCOLATE CUPS AND SAUCERS. Per doz. \$6.00
MARMALADE AND STAND AT\$1.50
MAYONNAISE AND STAND at\$1.25

A Chocolate Set Makes a Dainty Xmas Gift

We Offer You Many Choice Sets at Prices Ranging From \$5.50 to \$30.00

Few ladies there are who wouldn't appreciate the receipt of a dainty china chocolate set as a Christmas gift. A chocolate set is a gift article that is serviceable and also ornamental—that combines these two features in an unusual degree. We have a magnificent collection this season and offer you much choice, having them priced from \$30.00 to \$5.50.

We have selected four medium-priced sets in beautiful Limoges French china. Any one of these would please. Come in and see the whole showing.

Chocolate Set—Consisting of 6 cups and saucers and chocolate jug. Pure white china with heavy gold on handles and edges. Very dainty. Price per set...\$5.50	Chocolate Set—The decoration on this pretty set is pleasing. Gold on edges and handles combined with pretty leaf design, pleasing. Six cups and saucers and jug\$7.00	Chocolate Set—A beautiful decoration of violets and gold makes this one of the most attractive sets in the store. Six cups and saucers and jug. Per set...\$7.00	Chocolate Set—Consisting of 6 cups and saucers and jug. Gold handles and edges and also richly decorated in gold and floral pattern. Very rich. Price, per set\$12.00
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New Sterling-Mounted Cut Glass Gift Things

SOME charming gift pieces in sterling silver mounted cut glassware are being priced today. These newest arrivals in gift things are bound to please you. They represent the very newest ideas in their respective lines. The cutting is deep and of handsome pattern. The prices that are going to adorn these pieces will please as much as their unusual beauty.

The shipment includes some dainty pieces of colognes, sugar shakers, salt cellars, vases, etc. Come in today and view these latest arrivals. Dozens of other new things shown in the silverware department—first floor.

Xmas Gifts of Furniture

Hundreds of Sensible Gift Pieces

IF you want to send a gift that is bound to bring delight to the recipient send a piece of furniture chosen from the offerings of our two furniture floors. Not only will your friend appreciate this gift, but every member of the family. Send a Morris Chair, for instance, and there'll be keen rivalry to get that chair when evening comes.

But Morris chairs are a small portion of this store's offerings in furniture. We could enumerate hundreds of pieces here, but we suggest a visit of personal inspection as the better plan. You are welcome.

Are You Ready for Xmas

Got Everything Necessary for Table?

HOW about your Christmas table—have you everything necessary to make it the most attractive table you have ever "laid"? You should have ample snowy linen, china, silver and glass, and if you are not already well supplied with these items, we come to the rescue with the most complete stocks of such lines shown in the city.

And there is more than broad choice of styles to be found here—there are unequalled values. Good styles and better values are combined here—good reasons why you should do your shopping at this store.

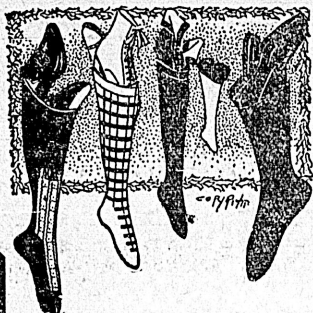
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Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 12th day of November, A. D. 1909.
A. P. LUXTON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

News of the World in Brief

PROVINCIAL

Chinaman Ends Life.
VANCOUVER, Dec. 7.—After several attempts to take his own life, Ki Chung, an aged Chinaman for whom other Chinamen of this city had subscribed about \$300 to take him to China, finally succeeded in committing suicide about 2 o'clock this morning by throwing himself out of a window in the place where he had been living in False Creek alley, near Shanghai alley. When the police arrived they found scores of Orientals dancing around Chung, who lay in a pool of blood. He was not dead, and informed the officers that he had gashed his own throat and head several times and finally jumped out of the window. He said he did not want to return to China. He was removed to St. Paul's hospital under the care of Dr. McDiarmid, but expired soon afterward.

FOREIGN

Increase for Trainmen.
LANSING, Mich., Dec. 7.—The Michigan Central railroad has increased trainmen's wages 6½ per cent and operators 14 per cent.

Halley's Comet.
QUINCY, Mass., Dec. 7.—Halley's comet was visible December 4 in a three-inch telescope at the observatory at Smith college, Northampton, Mass., according to a telegram received at Harvard college observatory last night.

Railway at Auction.
NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 7.—The Norfolk and Southern railway property was today bid in by the organization committee for \$8,500,000. The property was knocked down to Rathbone Gardner of New York in the name of the committee.

Bank Cashier Arrested.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 7.—Embezzlement of the funds of the People's Bank & Trust company to the extent of \$35,000 is charged against Robert R. Muir, cashier of the bank, who was arrested last night and held under \$10,000 bonds, which he was unable to secure. Muir is alleged to have taken \$115,000 but the officials of the bank secured securities to the value of \$33,000.

King Leopold III.
BRUSSELS, Dec. 7.—In response to inquiries today it was officially stated that King Leopold was suffering from rheumatism, but was improving and that his general condition was satisfactory.

Isfactory. It is reported tonight that the King's affliction is general, and that he is unable to walk. Within the last few days he has lost appetite and flesh, and his condition is regarded as serious, in view of his age.

Cruiser Likes Bottom.
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 7.—Raised from her bed in the mud of Buzzard's Bay through forty feet of water today, the U. S. cruiser Yankee remained on the surface for a few minutes, then suddenly sank again to the bottom. Two men who were at work inside the hull succeeded in swimming to a place of safety. The Yankee went ashore on the Hen and Chickens reef about a year and a half ago. After being floated once before she sank in Buzzard's Bay.

John Drew Injured.
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—John Drew, the actor, was thrown from his horse while riding with his daughter in Central Park today and seriously injured. The horse trampled on the actor as he lay on the ground. The physicians announce that Mr. Drew received a severe fracture of the left shoulder, and it is feared that he has been injured internally. Mr. Drew was resting easy, it was said at the hospital tonight. His injuries are serious, but in all probability he will be out in a week or two.

PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS

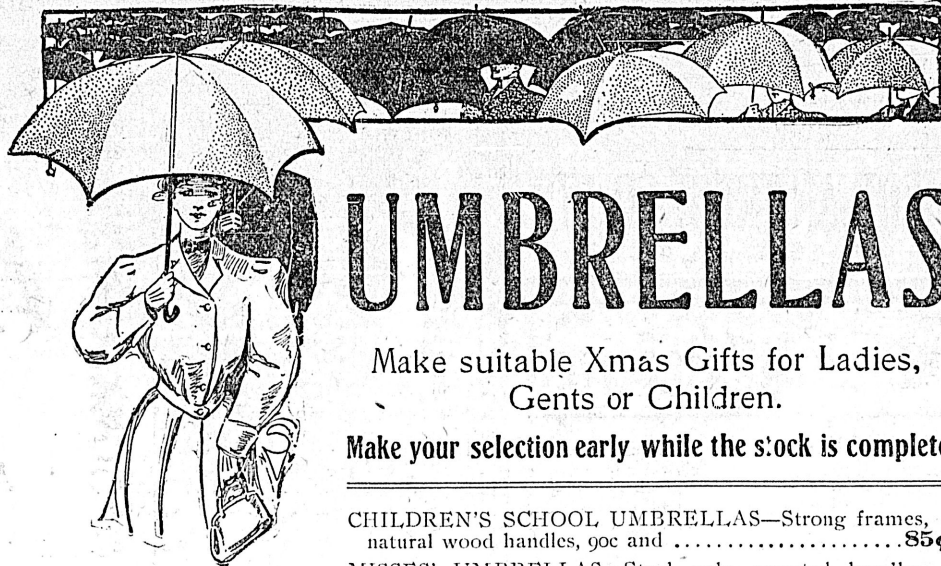
New Tariff's Action.
"Two features of the new tariff act call for reference. By virtue of the clause known as the 'maximum and minimum' clause, it is the duty of the executive to consider the laws and practices of other countries with regard to the importation into those countries of the products and merchandise of the United States. If it is found that in the case of any country there is no undue discrimination against the United States, the minimum duties provided in the bill are to go into force. Unless the President makes such a finding, then the maximum duties provided in the bill, that is, an increase of twenty-five per cent ad valorem over the minimum duties, are to be in force.

"Fear has been expressed that this power conferred and duty imposed on the executive is likely to lead to a tariff war. I beg to express the hope and belief that no such result need be anticipated. The discretion granted to the executive by the terms, 'Unduly discriminatory' is wide. Under that the maximum duty shall be charged against the imports from a country, it is necessary that he shall find on the part of that country not only discrimination in its laws or the practice under them against the trade of the United States, but that the discriminations found shall be undue; that is, without good and fair reason. I conceive that this power was reposed in the President with the hope that the maximum duties might never be applied in any case, but that the power to apply them would enable the President and the State Department, through friendly negotiations, to secure elimination from the laws and the practice under them of any foreign country of that which is unduly discriminatory. No one is seeking a tariff war or a condition in which the spirit of retaliation shall be aroused.

Monroe Doctrine.
"The Pan-American policy of this government has long been fixed in its principles, and remains unchanged. With the changed circumstances of the United States and of the republics to the south of us, most of which have great natural resources, stable government and progressive ideals, the apprehension which gave rise to the Monroe doctrine may be said to have nearly disappeared, and neither the doctrine as it exists, nor any other doctrine of American policy should be permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the escape of just obligations or the insidious allegation of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States.

"The results of the opium conference held at Shanghai last spring at the invitation of the United States have been laid before the government. The report shows that China is making remarkable progress and admirable efforts towards the eradication of the opium evil, and that the governments concerned have not allowed their commercial interests to interfere with a helpful co-operation in this reform. Collateral investigations of the opium question in this country lead me to recommend that the manufacture, sale and use of opium and its derivatives in the United States should be so far as possible more rigorously controlled by legislation. "Our traditional relations with the Japanese empire continue cordial as usual. The recent visit of a delegation of prominent business men as guests of the chambers of commerce of the Pacific slope, whose representatives had been so agreeably received in Japan, will doubtless contribute to the growing trade across the Pacific, as well as to that mutual understanding which leads to mutual appreciation. The arrangement of 1908, for a bi-operative control of the coming of laborers to the United States, has proved to work satisfactorily. The matter of a revision of the existing treaty between the United States and Japan, which is terminable in 1912, is already receiving the study of both countries.

Legal Procedure.
"The deplorable delays in the administration of civil and criminal law have received the attention of commissions of the American bar association and of many state bar associations, as well as the considered thought of judges and jurists. In my judgment a change in judicial procedure, with a view to reducing its expense, to private litigation in civil cases and facilitating the despatch of business and final decision in both civil and criminal cases, constitutes the greatest need in our American institutions. I don't doubt for one moment that much of the lawless violence and cruelty exhibited in lynchings is directly due to uncertainties and injustices growing out of the delay in trials, judgments and executions thereof by our courts. The expedition with which business is disposed of both in the civil and criminal side of English courts, under modern rules of procedure, makes the delays in our courts seem archaic and barbarous. I, therefore, recommend legislation providing for the appointment by the president of a commission with authority to examine the law and equity procedure of the federal courts of first instance, the law of appeals from those courts to the courts of appeals and to the supreme court, and the costs imposed in such procedure upon the private litigants and upon the public treasury,



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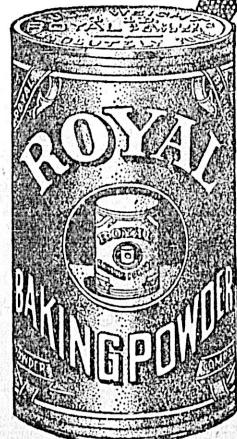
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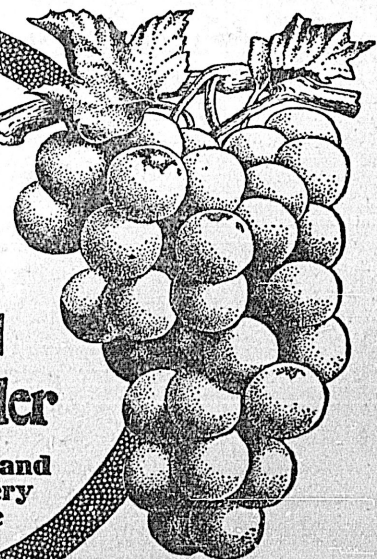
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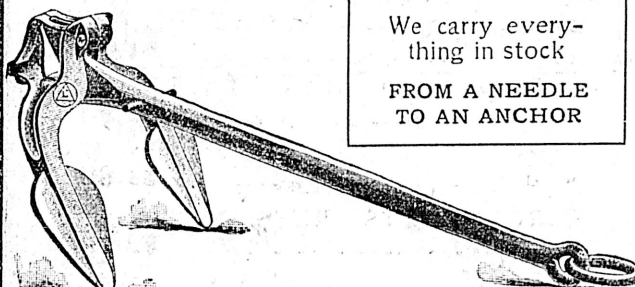
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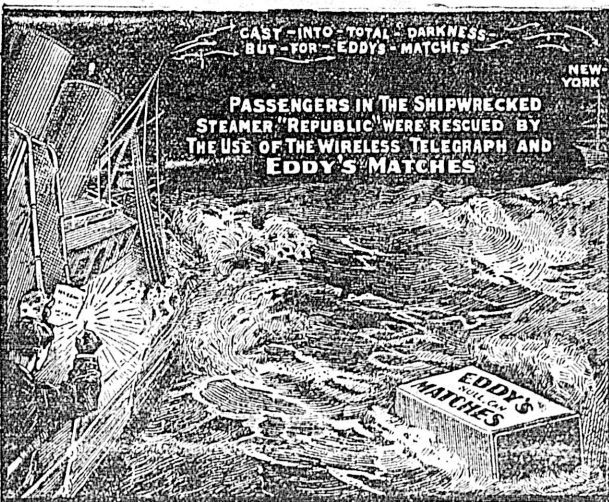
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NEWS OF THE CITY

Start on New Pavement.

Work started yesterday on the grading down of Humboldt street, which will be paved from Government street to Douglas street under the general scheme which includes the causeway and Belleville street east. The roadway will be laid with wood blocks.

Presbyterian Club.

At the regular weekly meeting of the First Presbyterian Church Club on Monday evening last, Rev. Dr. Whittier gave an interesting address. Those who contributed to the musical part of the programme were: Miss Harkness, Mr. McLorie, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Redmond, Miss Sexsmith, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Brown.

Black Knights of Ireland

There will be a meeting of Victoria Encampment, Royal Black Knights, preceptory 538, in Broad street A.O.F. hall, this evening at 8 o'clock. This being the annual meeting when the election of officers takes place a full attendance of all knights is particularly requested. Visiting brethren are always made welcome.

Want Branch of Y. M. C. A.

The Vancouver Island Development League is in receipt of a letter from Secretary Colm Campbell, of the Cumberland branch, asking the league to lend its aid towards the formation of a Y. M. C. A. in the Cumberland district. A. J. Brace, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., will be consulted in the matter.

Industrial Victoria

The Canadian Industrial Review has written to the Vancouver Island Development League stating that an article on Victoria from an industrial standpoint will appear in its issue of either January or February. The article is from the pen of E. McGaffey, secretary of the league.

The Welsh Society

The Victoria Cymrodorion society will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Sir Wm. Wallace hall, Broad street, tonight at 8 p.m. A lecture on Wales will be given by the Rev. T. W. Glanville, of the Victoria branch. A Welsh choir will provide music. Refreshments will be served and a very interesting and enjoyable evening is anticipated. Dr. Forrest Leeder, president of the society, will occupy the chair.

Chief Complaints.

Because some of the city workmen who had occasion to use the fire hydrants for civic works failed to notify the fire chief when they finished eight of the hydrants were frozen tight during the recent cold snap and Chief Davis has complained to the council urging that hereafter when it is necessary to use the fire hydrants to secure water for civic works he should be notified when the work is through.

Wine Grower Here.

E. J. Mazzuchi of Rheims, France, is a passing guest at the Empress hotel. M. Mazzuchi is a prominent vineyardist and wine grower of France, a leading partner in the world-famed firm of G. H. Mumm & Co., and his present tour is one of business and pleasure in agreeable combination. He yesterday called upon and spent some time with the firm's local distributing agents, Pither & Leiser.

Hotel Proprietor Here.

John Crean, the veteran hotel proprietor of New Westminster, where the Gulchion occupies relatively the same position to the life of the city that the Empress does to Victoria's, is spending a few days with his friend, Host Stephen Jones of the Dominion. Mrs. Crean accompanies her husband and will leave with him for California tomorrow, intending to enjoy a long-contemplated vacation in the sunny South.

Annual Empress Ball

Elaborate arrangements are already being made for the Empress hotel ball to be given in the rotunda on the 29th inst. Last night a meeting of those who have the matter in hand was held at the Empress and different committees were appointed. It is proposed to limit the invitations to some 350 people, as last year over 500 were in attendance and as a consequence there was overcrowding. A Christmas tree of large proportions will be held in connection with the event.

INVESTS HEAVILY

Col. Eaggleson Has Options on Many Properties in Interior.

Col. Eaggleson of Washington, D. C., who has large investments in timber and cement properties in Oklahoma, Nevada and Montana, and who represents a strong group of Southern capitalists, spent yesterday at the Dominion, accompanied by his son, leaving last night for the Sound en route back to the American capital.

The Messrs. Eaggleson have just returned from Bridge River, Lillooet, where Col. Eaggleson has taken options on eighty congregated placer properties on Bridge River and Cadwallader Creek, with a view to working them on a large scale if the expert whom he will bring to examine them in May next decides that there is sufficient continuity of pay dirt to warrant the investment contemplated.

In the event of such a favorable verdict, a company will be formed—no stock being offered, as the transaction is already fully financed in Col. Eaggleson's private business circle—and fourteen miles of flume and pipe put in to bring necessary water from the upper reaches of Cadwallader Creek.

In all investments of upwards of \$250,000 will be made, should expert advice be favorable. Otherwise Col. Eaggleson stands to lose \$20,000 invested in options he has just taken, to hold the ground over the intervening six months.

He is also interested in an extensive timber deal in the same locality, for the consummation of which railroad connection is imperative. Yesterday the Washington investor visited the lands department and made all necessary preliminary arrangements for the water rights which will be required for the development of the Bridge River proposition, should it be taken up.

Clarke & Pearson, tinsmiths and stove-dealers, removed to 1313 Wharf street, near Johnson.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 7, 1909:

SYNOPSIS.

Weather conditions west of the Rockies are unsettled, the pressure being low over the North Pacific slope; light rain has fallen in this province and heavy rain in California, and snow has fallen in Washington and Oregon. In the farther north it is intensely cold in the Yukon and well below zero in the Atlin district. In the Prairie provinces an extensive high pressure area is centered over Saskatchewan, snow has fallen at Winnipeg and maximum temperatures range from zero to six below.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	43
Vancouver	28	37
New Westminster	28	34
Kamloops	2	20
Albany	26	22
Dawson, Y. T.	14 below 38	14
Calgary, Alta.	12 below 38	12
Winnipeg, Man.	8 below 0	8
Portland, Ore.	26	32
San Francisco, Cal.	50	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Wednesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Winds chiefly easterly, mostly cloudy with rain and steady or higher temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, chiefly cloudy and cold with rain or sleet.

TUESDAY.

Highest 43
Lowest 35
Mean 39
Rain, trace; sunshine, 3 hours, 12 minutes.

CLAIMS ARE BONDED

Properties on Banks Island Owned By Victorians.

Three promising copper-gold claims admirably placed with regard to future shipping facilities on the east side of Banks Island, in Prince Channel, and midway between Queen Charlotte and the mainland of British Columbia, have been bonded for four months to Toronto capitalists, represented in the transaction by W. H. Ellis of this city, for a sum of \$25,000. The claims are owned by William Lorimer, R. Lorimer, William Lorimer, Jr., of this city, and M. Forrest of Cowichan, who are to receive their first payment under the terms of the option on the 20th of the present month.

It is the intention of the Torontonians to send in an expert as soon as weather permits, and if his report justifies expectations, development will begin early in the spring. The claims show an exposed ten-foot vein, the quartz running \$13 per ton, in gold, silver and copper values. Samples of the rock show an average of 14 per cent copper, with two ounces silver, the remaining value being in gold. It is a shaft-sinking proposition, and the ore can be delivered to water-carriers for transport to smelter, almost at the mouth of the mine to be.

RECOUNT ORDERED

Judge Lampman to Pass Upon Spoiled Plebiscite Ballots.

The special recount upon spoiled ballots cast in the Local Option plebiscite throughout the Province has been ordered held before County Judge Lampman in this city. Formal application for this has already been made by Mr. C. N. Haney, legal adviser for the local option league. Its officers feel confident of victory in the end, although by a somewhat narrow margin over the necessary 50 per cent. "Our position throughout the province has not been greatly changed within the past few days," said Rev. Dr. Spence yesterday. "Richmond returns just received give us 20 majority. In the returns of the 28 constituencies thus far received we have considerably over 2,000 majority. We have yet to receive definite returns from the remaining 14, which, we are sure, will substantially increase our majority, and we believe will give us the necessary percentage."

Break in Telephone Cable

The cable of the B. C. Telephone Company running from Telegraph Bay to San Juan is at present out of commission owing to a break in one side of one of the circuits. Arrangements are now being made in Vancouver for effecting repairs. Owing to the heavy gale of yesterday morning a number of interruptions took place in the district wires of the telephone company. These breakdowns were of a local character, and during the day nearly all of them were repaired.

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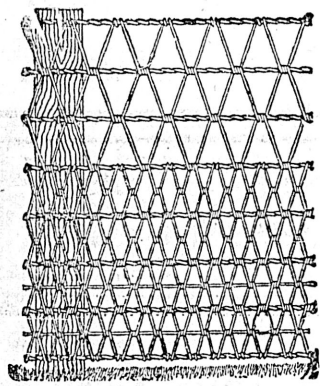
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"No," replies the clerk, "we haven't seen anything of such a parcel."

The long lean individual turns dolefully away then. But he comes back the next day and the next and the next, and the next, in fact, he proceeds to pester the P.O. people until they shout "No, not yet" from force of habit, as soon as they see him coming.

It is this way every Christmas. The anxious inquirer is one of the recognized post office bums. Sometimes he accepts his disappointment, with a smile and a shrug, or he may blame somebody. As often as not the party blamed is His Majesty's Post Office.

Sometimes the anxious inquirer is really deserving of sympathy. He may be some poor lonely knockabout stranded miles from home among strangers. Perhaps he has had sufficient faith in some one in the home circle to expect confidently that they will send him some little remembrance for the Great Feast; perhaps he has been apprised that such a remembrance is coming. The little, with the sorrows, the bitter disappointments behind almost any one of these anxious inquiries would supply a novelist with material for a series of "continued in our next."

But of these the P. O. reckons not; it cannot do so. There is a stack of mail, incoming, outgoing, as big as a tenement block and above that pile is the round face of the inexorable clock with "Tempus Fugit" painted across its dial.

The Christmas Rush.

When the office bay strips the battered old calendar sheet by sheet until the current sheet has "December" written across it the post office people begin to feel extraordinary pressure. They know that the biggest mail period of the twelve months is at hand, that through their trained, careful hands, must pass a million expressions of love and good will; a million gift-mediums of the peace on earth.

The post-master adjusts his specs and rubs his forehead, the assistant post-master looks out from his desk over the basket-and-bag-littered floor of the sorting room and sighs; the clerks hump their backs and try to make their hands move a little faster.

Presently the parcels begin to come. The sorters can spot a Christmas parcel a mile away. They do not have to see the holly stamp pasted on it; nor do they take note of its shape or size. They just know by instinct that this one is a handkerchief for grandmother from Gertrude and that one is a bottle of perfume from Mr. John Brown to Miss Genevieve Perkins.

Then, of course, there are the parcels whose shapes give them away. Moreover, there are others whose identity is fixed by their odor. Among the latter is the good old fashioned English plum pudding. And the reader would be surprised if he could see the number of these plum puddings that pass through the Victoria post office during December each year. They are destined, mostly for exiles from the home country and their delicious smell fairly makes the clerks drop everything and rush for the nearest restaurant.

They create an aching void in more places than the heart.

Santa Claus Letters.
But the letter of all letters that never fails to bring a smile to the face of the sorter who receives it is the letter that some kiddie addresses to Santa Claus. To handle this Santa Claus mail special preparations are made. No one is to touch it. It is picked out and distributed by the friends of Robin Goodfellow, fairy men, men who have the faces and forms of men and the hearts of children. It comes in stacks, every year this mail for Santa Claus and the jolly old man have a rare time reading it all and taking note of the requests. There is a special box for it in the big post office building where this mail is deposited for Kris Kringle and he comes and gets it every day.

In the Victoria post office the rush has started in a minor way already. And the anxious inquirer is on hand and the Santa Claus letters are coming in with commendable frequency—commendable because they prove that the kiddies of Victoria are not waiting until the last moment to make their wishes known to Santa Claus.

At this point, at the request of His Most Gracious Majesty, the King, who is responsible for all letters and especially for Santa Claus letters, the Colonist wishes to explain that Santa Claus resides, officially in Toyland and should be addressed there. Many of the letters that are being sent to him this month are addressed to his North Pole residence. This is a mistake. Since Dr. Cook and Commander Peary brought the pole into disrepute by their wrangling Santa Claus has given up his Polar residence for the time being and is now living in his Toyland house.

One Kringle Letter.

Many of the Santa Claus letters are posted in the outlying mail boxes, of course, but not a few of them are brought to the post office personally by their authors who take no chances on their being side-tracked. Yesterday a kiddie aged about five years, clutching a white-knitted party mask and a letter, came to the post office and handed the letter to the post-master. The letter was addressed to "Mr. Santa Claus, Nov. North Pole."

"Let mother post it for you dear." Not on your grandfather's photograph album he wouldn't let mother post it. That letter was a personal business between him and Santa Claus and he proposed dealing with it in person. Therefore he had to be lifted up until he could reach the drop-slot. But this slot business in itself was suspicious and had to be investigated. He peeked into the slot very carefully, then more manfully and finally he gazed for a long time. Reassured, apparently, he dropped the letter into the slot and was lowered to the floor. He stood for some time gazing at the brass border of the slot and then he looked up very seriously.

"Muvver, has he dot it yet?"

Special Arrangements.
The Victoria post office is making unusual arrangements to handle the Christmas mails this year in the expectation that the bulk will be greater than ever before. Indications point to such a conclusion. The mails to and from the Old Country certainly will be larger than in any previous year and there is every prospect of increase from the United States and from the Canadian east.

The English parcel post which is received once a week usually on Thursday night averages under ordinary circumstances forty large sealed baskets. From now on it will probably double that. This mail is thrown on a table where the sorters make the first preliminary sorting. The dutiable articles are separated and turned over to the customs men while the others are marked "passed" and distributed according to their addresses. The parcel post from other points go through the same process.

Three mails a week arrive from England, that is, letter mails. They come on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. A parcel post is despatched to the Old Country every day. From now on the mails are sent out every day particularly so as to connect with all steamers, American as well as Canadian.

That the Christmas rush has already begun was proved yesterday when the writer saw a big consignment of Old Country mail just leaving. There were more in yesterday's batch and the mails from this until after New Year's will contain nearer 1,000 packages each.

Post office figures show that the incoming rush begins usually about the 20th of December and continues until after New Year's. On the former date this year eight extra men, four clerks and four carriers will be engaged and these with the regular departmental forces will be sufficient to handle the great bulk of letters and parcels that come and go.

Christmas comes on Saturday this year and this will enable the authorities to make a better job of the distribution. Extra teams will be detailed for the delivery work on Christmas morning and on the following Monday morning so that all the mail, so far as is possible, may be distributed promptly.

Post In Time.
Many local letters, letters sent from one person to another in the city limits, give more trouble than letters from outside because people will not remember to post them in time. With all the extra pressure put on the post office people at Christmas time it is absolutely necessary to allow from one to two days even for local letters in order to insure their delivery in time for the holiday.

Of the incoming and outgoing items at Christmas time two are peculiar to the Victoria post office. Coming in are the aforementioned plum puddings and going out are boxes and boxes of holly, real Victoria holly.

The handling of the packages from far distant points is a ticklish business. The long transport and the many transfers are apt to break even the stoutest wrappings and in almost every parcel post received the sorters find half a dozen packages the contents of which have been spilled through the basket. These must then be carefully gathered up, the addresses found and the parties for whom they are intended notified to come and pick out their property.

With it all however the post office does remarkably well and the showing it makes entitles it to great credit.

IMPROVEMENTS TO INNER HARBOR

Question to Come Up at Board of Trade Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Among the matters to come up for consideration is the question of insurance. This is being brought forward in view of the fact that as the insurance bill which did not pass all its stages at the last session of the Dominion Parliament is being reintroduced in the Senate, it is desired to ascertain the views of the members of the Board of Trade on the proposed legislation.

Another question which will be introduced will be the proposed trans-provincial road, the proposal of Hon. T. Taylor, minister of public works being to connect existing roads in the province to give through communication between the coast and Alberta.

A third matter which will come up is the question of improving the inner harbor. As stated in yesterday's Colonist seven new coasting steamers will be plying in British Columbia waters in the near future, and the Board of Trade considers that this fact makes it imperative that the improving of the harbor waters be proceeded with as soon as possible. In discussing this matter at a council meeting yesterday members of the board spoke very optimistically of the prospects in recalling the assurances of the Hon. W. Pugsley, which the Dominion minister of public works gave when he was here a few months ago. Then he informed the members that the Dominion government would see that the improvements effected kept pace with the requirements of the port. In view of this fact the members of the council considered that as the C. P. R. had arranged for a new steamer, and as the Grand Trunk Pacific was building two coasting steamers in the Old Country, and that the same company was about to build a wharf in the local harbor for the accommodation of its fleet, that it was time to make the necessary arrangements so that no inconvenience will be experienced when the steamers arrive.

At tomorrow's meeting the question of insurance, which was postponed from the last regular monthly meeting of the board, will be the first item on the agenda paper.

HEAVY TRAFFIC IN LOCAL REALTY

Business Lots Valued at Nearly \$200,000 Pass Through Market

Deals aggregating close upon \$200,000 are reported as having been handled in the local realty market yesterday. The deals in every instance include sites in the business area of the city.

The site of the A. C. U. W. hall and the building were sold and resold. In the first instance the purchaser was A. Scott, the price being in the neighborhood of \$33,000. A few hours later the property was sold again, the purchaser being R. W. Coleman, realty agent, the price on this occasion being \$35,000. The site has a frontage of 60 feet on Yates street and a depth of 120 feet. Its former owner was Captain J. D. Warren. Mr. Coleman has purchased it in the interest of other parties whose names have not been made public.

A notable instance of the increase in the value of business property in the city is forthcoming in one of yesterday's sales. A lot on the corner of Cormorant and Douglas streets changed hands for the sum of \$35,000. Early this year this property was bought by C. W. Rogers for \$18,000. Later on it was sold by him to G. T. Reid, for \$28,000, while yesterday's sale shows a further increase in the value of \$10,000. Thus in a little over six months this property has exactly doubled in value. The site has a frontage of 90 feet on Douglas and 120 feet on Cormorant street. The deal was negotiated by R. W. Coleman.

A lot on the corner of Store and Cormorant streets next to the store of J. M. Nagano & Company changed hands for the sum of \$30,000. The site has a frontage of 90 feet on Store and 122 feet on Cormorant street.

Up Fort Street.
Two lots, one on Fort street, above Blanchard, and the other on View street, running end to end were purchased yesterday for \$15,000. Both these lots passed through the market about a month ago and the increase in their joint value since that time has been \$4,500.

A lot on Fort street next The Hall saloon was purchased yesterday by Walter Chambers, the price being \$22,000. The lot adjoining the foregoing at the eastern side was purchased by Leeming Bros. for the sum of \$10,500.

The same realty firm purchased two lots with houses on View street for a price in the neighborhood of \$10,000. A local syndicate was responsible for the purchase of a piece of property comprising a 120-foot frontage on Herald and 140 feet on Chatham streets. This property was formerly owned by Alexis Martin, the deal being negotiated by Messrs. Currie and Power. No price is mentioned.

A large number of other important sales of inside property are pending.

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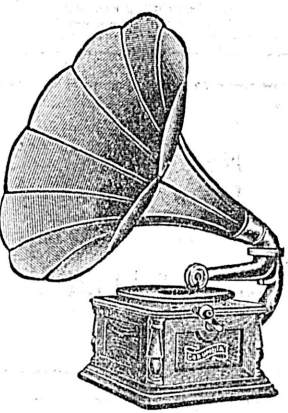
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To those who have watched the course of the world's events it may sometimes occur that fewer of life's failures are to be attributed to circumstances than is often supposed. The man or woman who is a failure in one trade or profession too often has some defect of nature which would make success impossible in any other field of effort. There have been many there have been many of the world's greatest men who have attained success in face of the greatest obstacles. But in these days a plan has been evolved which will make failures fewer if not impossible. So at least it is claimed. A man or woman who is to be placed in the schools who will help the pupil to find the work for which his talents best fit him. But having found it he is not to be left to his own devices. The "vocation teacher" will follow him to the work bench, the desk or the laboratory or wherever else he may have elected to go and watch and direct his progress, removing him altogether if a mistake has been made in selection and placing him where he may begin anew. It may occur to some old-fashioned people that there is little likelihood that a vigorous manhood will succeed a youth so guarded from danger of failure. There is truth, they think in the old idea that life is a battlefield and that its defeat as well as its victories are needful for the final triumph.

But such a plan is being tried by the Boston Young Men's Christian Association and is being advocated seriously in cities where trade and technical schools have been established. The Atlantic Monthly says:

The practical working-out of the Vocation Teacher plan would, like everything new, present grave difficulties. Not the least of these would be the securing of properly equipped and trained men to do the work. Besides a very complete general education, the vocation teacher must have a very practical knowledge of the laws and phenomena of psychology, including a complete understanding of human nature as revealed in the motives, interests, aims, desires, and personal differences which go to make up that complex something we call character. Far more than the ordinary teacher he must be tactful, sympathetic, sincere, and resourceful—able to command respect and trust, and to invite confidence and candor in his dealings with the young. Also, as a matter of course, he must be familiar in a practical way with the requirements and possibilities in different lines of industry, and in the various professional callings. It can readily be seen that such qualifications demand, not only a thorough and comprehensive university education, but also some years of practical experience either in teaching or in some position where there is an abundance of human contact, scientific investigation, and executive decision.

While anything that would in any way interfere with freedom of choice or guard the young workman too carefully from the possibility of making

mistakes, may be deprecated, there is no doubt that too little attention is now paid to a boy's fitness for his future career. It is too commonly the case that both boys and girls enter without thought upon the work that presents itself first, scarcely considering whether they are fitted for it or not. The choice of an occupation is a very important matter and well worthy the serious consideration of the young people themselves and those who take an interest in their welfare.

While many women will disagree with some of Mr. Bond's arguments against women suffrage, there is one of his phrases that, in the light of the behavior of the suffragettes in Great Britain seems to have in it too much of truth. Mr. Bond said "If women were given the legislative power it would mean giving them the empire to play with."

It is the want, on the part of the followers of Mrs. Pankhurst, of a sense of the gravity of the crisis that was coming upon England that has given men the right to speak in this way of women. Whether the Asquith government was right or wrong its members were engaged in one of the greatest constitutional struggles of her history. An attempt was being made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to revolutionize the system of taxation. The very wisest men in England were ready to devote all their talents to its consideration. On the one hand, men saw in the budget a menace to the settled order of things and a danger to property, on the other, they looked for the release of the poor from the burdens which have caused so much suffering among the people of Great Britain. But so far from helping the statesmen of England the women who are most insistent in demanding the franchise, have not considered at all the issues that were before the people of England. They have done all that was possible for them to do to confuse the minds of the electors. While every statesman needed all his powers of intellect and all his strength of body and nerve, not the members of the government alone, but all right thinking Englishmen have had their attention distracted and their minds harassed by the behavior of the suffragettes. There are, doubtless, many who look upon their whole campaign in the light of a farce.

But this aspect of it does not appeal to those who hoped that when women should take part in public affairs much that was worst in politics would disappear and that woman's gentleness and purity and singleness of purpose would help towards the making of wise and humane and righteous laws. In Mr. Bond's phrase the suffragettes "have played" with the great issues of the day and we cannot blame men if they judge of all women who seek the franchise by those who have been allowed to become its foremost advocates in the Mother Land.

Circumstances have combined to direct the attention of many newspaper readers to the poem by Mr. William Watson called "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue." The poet has been lately married and his picture and that of his bride are in many of the illustrated papers. Before the recent disavowal by Mr. Watson that the poem was directed at Mrs. Asquith, wife of the premier of England, and her stepdaughter, it appears to have been an open secret that the former, at least was the object of the poet's bitter invective.

The anger of the poet, it is said, was stirred by the refusal of the government to grant a pension to John Davidson, a young poet who was believed to have given up his pen for the death of the young man by his own hand was believed to have been a consequence of this refusal. It was surmised that the ladies whom Mr. Wat-

son has held up to the scorn and hatred of the world caused the ministers to withhold their favor.

Mrs. Asquith, as Margot Tennant, was a very clever woman, who, like many another girl in these days, set the conventionalities at defiance. She was very brilliant and stories are told which show that she was capable of kind and tactful acts.

Since her marriage she has proved herself a good wife and loving mother not only to her own children but to the invalid daughter of her husband, who has been so mercilessly pilloried with her. Whatever may have been the provocation given it is impossible to avoid the feeling that the writing of such a poem was not only a cruel but an unmanly thing to do. Poetry has often been used to attack evil with great effect. But such attacks were impersonal. To strike a man who is not in a position to defend himself is deemed a dastardly act. That the person who suffers is a woman surely adds to the cowardice.

Margot Tennant, as a young girl, a favorite of Mr. Gladstone and one can scarcely think there was nothing beautiful in the nature of one who won the love of the greathearted old man.

There is an anecdote told of her that shows that her wit was not always used to hurt. An Eastern potentate, who was a Mahomedan, was at a great dinner at which Miss Tennant was his neighbor. Wine was on the table of which the visitor could not partake and he did not understand that he could have had water for the asking. Presently, however, finger bowls were passed round and the thirsty stranger, to the surprise of all, raised the water to his lips and drained the bowl. Quick as a flash, Miss Tennant followed his example, giving a sign to her neighbor and in a moment all the guests had partaken of the unaccustomed beverage and the visitor was spared what would have been a humiliation. This is the poem which is so much talked of:

She is not old, she is not young,
The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue,
The haggard cheek; the hungry eye,
The poisoned words that wildly fly,
The famished face, the fevered hand—
Who slights the worthiest in the land,
Sneers at the just, contemns the brave,
And blackens goodness in its grave.

In truthful numbers he she sung,
The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue;
Concerning whom, Fame hints at things

Told but in shrugs and whisperings:
Ambitious from her natal hour,
And scheming all her life for power;
With little left of womanly pride;
With venomous fangs she cannot hide;
Who half makes love to you today,
Tomorrow gives her guest away.
Burnt up within by that strange soul
She cannot slake, or yet control;
Malignant-lipped, unkind, unsweet;
Past all example indiscreet;
Hectic, and always overstrung—
The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue.

To think that such as she can mar
Names that among the noblest are!
That hands like hers can touch the springs
That move who knows what men and things?
That on her will their fates have hung!
The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue.

Christmas Bazaar

The Ladies' Society of St. Paul's Lutheran church will give their annual Christmas bazaar in the A. O. U. W. hall on Thursday afternoon and evening. A pleasing variety of needlework and other articles will be placed on sale, something useful as well as something to please the eye. Refreshments will be served by the ladies in the afternoon and evening. An interesting programme is offered for the patrons and some pleasant surprises are promised.

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A complete draft of the season, intermediate and junior basketball series, has been prepared. It follows:

Senior
Dec. 6—Y.M.C.A. vs. V.W.A.A.
Dec. 13—J.B.A.A. vs. N.W.A.A.
Dec. 20—V.W.A.A. vs. J.B.A.A.
Jan. 10—Y.M.C.A. vs. N.W.A.A.
Jan. 17—N.W.A.A. vs. V.W.A.A.
Jan. 24—J.B.A.A. vs. Y.M.C.A.
Jan. 31—Y.M.C.A. vs. V.W.A.A.
Feb. 7—N.W.A.A. vs. J.B.A.A.
Feb. 14—J.B.A.A. vs. V.W.A.A.
Feb. 21—N.W.A.A. vs. Y.M.C.A.
Feb. 28—V.W.A.A. vs. N.W.A.A.
March 1—Y.M.C.A. vs. J.B.A.A.

Intermediate
Dec. 15—V.W.A.A. vs. Y.M.C.A., N.W.A.A. vs. J.B.A.A., Y.M.I. vs. Esquimalt, Bankers vs. Cloverdale.
Dec. 17—Fifth Regiment vs. V.W.A.A.

Jan. 5—Cloverdale vs. Esquimalt, J.B.A.A. vs. V.W.A.A., Y.M.C.A. vs. N.W.A.A., Y.M.I. vs. Bankers.
Jan. 7—Y.M.C.A. vs. Regiment.
Jan. 12—V.W.A.A. vs. Cloverdale, Esquimalt vs. J.B.A.A., N.W.A.A. vs. Y.M.I., Bankers vs. Y.M.C.A.
Jan. 14—Fifth Regiment vs. J.B.A.A.
Jan. 19—Y.M.C.A. vs. J.B.A.A., Cloverdale vs. N.W.A.A., Y.M.I. vs. V.W.A.A., Bankers vs. Esquimalt.
Jan. 21—J.B.A.A. vs. P. R.
Jan. 26—Esquimalt vs. N.W.A.A., J.B.A.A. vs. Cloverdale, V.W.A.A. vs. Bankers, Y.M.C.A. vs. Y.M.I.
Jan. 28—Reg. vs. Y.M.I.
Feb. 2—Bankers vs. N.W.A.A., Y.M.I. vs. J.B.A.A., Cloverdale vs. Y.M.C.A., Esquimalt vs. V.W.A.A.

Feb. 4—Cloverdale vs. Reg.
Feb. 9—N.W.A.A. vs. V.W.A.A., Y.M.C.A. vs. Esquimalt, J.B.A.A. vs. Bankers, Y.M.I. vs. Cloverdale.
Feb. 11—Esquimalt vs. Regiment.
Feb. 16—Y.M.C.A. vs. V.W.A.A., J.B.A.A. vs. N.W.A.A., Esquimalt vs. Y.M.I., Cloverdale vs. Bankers.
Feb. 18—Regiment vs. Bankers.
Feb. 23—Esquimalt vs. Cloverdale, V.W.A.A. vs. J.B.A.A., N.W.A.A. vs. Y.M.C.A., Bankers vs. Y.M.I.

March 2—Cloverdale vs. V.W.A.A., J.B.A.A. vs. Esquimalt, Y.M.I. vs. N.W.A.A., Y.M.C.A. vs. Bankers.
March 4—Regiment vs. Y.M.C.A.
March 9—J.B.A.A. vs. Y.M.C.A., N.W.A.A. vs. Cloverdale, V.W.A.A. vs. Y.M.I., Esquimalt vs. Bankers.
March 11—North Ward vs. Regt.
March 16—N.W.A.A. vs. Esquimalt, Cloverdale vs. J.B.A.A., Bankers vs. V.W.A.A., Y.M.I. vs. Y.M.C.A.
March 18—Regt. vs. J.B.A.A.
March 23—N.W.A.A. vs. Bankers, J.B.A.A. vs. Y.M.I., Y.M.C.A. vs. Cloverdale, V.W.A.A. vs. Esquimalt.
March 25—Y.M.I. vs. Regiment.
March 30—V.W.A.A. vs. N.W.A.A., Esquimalt vs. Y.M.C.A., Bankers vs. J.B.A.A., Cloverdale vs. Y.M.I.
April 1—Regiment vs. Cloverdale.
April 8—Regiment vs. Esquimalt.
April 18—Bankers vs. Regiment.

Junior
Dec. 15—V.W.A.A. vs. Y.M.C.A., N.W.A.A. vs. J.B.A.A.
Jan. 5—Cloverdale vs. Esquimalt, J.B.A.A. vs. V.W.A.A., Y.M.C.A. vs. N.W.A.A.

Jan. 12—V.W.A.A. vs. Cloverdale, Esquimalt vs. J.B.A.A.

Jan. 19—Y.M.C.A. vs. J.B.A.A., Cloverdale vs. N.W.A.A.

Jan. 26—Esquimalt vs. N.W.A.A., J.B.A.A. vs. Cloverdale.

Feb. 2—Cloverdale vs. Y.M.C.A., Esquimalt vs. V.W.A.A.

Feb. 9—N.W.A.A. vs. V.W.A.A., Y.M.C.A. vs. Esquimalt.

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March 2—Cloverdale vs. V.W.A.A., J.B.A.A. vs. Esquimalt.

March 9—J.B.A.A. vs. Y.M.C.A., N.W.A.A. vs. Cloverdale.

March 16—N.W.A.A. vs. Esquimalt, Cloverdale vs. J.B.A.A.

March 23—V.W.A.A. vs. Cloverdale, V.W.A.A. vs. Esquimalt.

March 30—V.W.A.A. vs. N.W.A.A., Esquimalt vs. Y.M.C.A.

April 1—Regiment vs. Esquimalt.

April 8—Regiment vs. Esquimalt.

April 18—Bankers vs. Regiment.

April 25—Bankers vs. Regiment.

May 2—Bankers vs. Regiment.

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June 6—Bankers vs. Regiment.

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June 27—Bankers vs. Regiment.

July 4—Bankers vs. Regiment.

July 11—Bankers vs. Regiment.

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Teams.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	P.C.
Vic. West	6	6	0	0	12	100
A. O. F.	6	3	2	1	8	66-2-3
Garrison	7	2	2	3	6	43
J. B. A.	5	1	2	2	4	40
Esquimalt	5	0	2	3	2	12-5

Games still to be played:
Victoria West 2; A. O. F. 2;
Garrison 1; Esquimalt 0.

the following despatch: "James Bell, of Winnipeg, former manager of John D. Marsh, the Marathon star, has issued a challenge to anyone in the world to run Alfred Shrubbs for a side bet of \$500, in a ten-mile race in the Arena rink at Winnipeg; Shrubbs to run the last lap backwards."

Down in San Francisco the fight fans are looking forward to a twenty-five round go between Danny Webster and Monte Attell. A date has not been appointed.

An English exchange says: George Jarrod, the good all-round veteran sportsman, has left England and is on his way to Michel, British Columbia, where he will make his new home. It was as a swimmer that Jarrod was best known, and prior to long distance swimming being in vogue he swam from Teddington Lock to Barnes Bridge some 45 years ago, he then being in his eighteenth year. Jarrod more than held his own on the running track and was well known on the river as a member of Nelson, Surrey, and Old Cobden rowing clubs.

President Merrick of the C.A.A.U. in his report: "The Union having firmly established itself in the Provinces of the Dominion, with clubs and athletes pledged to the strict enforcement of the amateur idea, the future of athletics in Canada seems brighter than at any previous period."

Cal Bricker, the Canadian champion hurdler, is sick with pneumonia. Added to this his wife has just died, leaving a two-year-old baby. He has the sympathy of all the athletes.

Bobby Kerr's first appearance in running took place Thanksgiving Day when he won the 44th Regimental games in Buffalo on Dec. 31st. It is likely that a Canadian team will be taken to the Bison City on that date.

Long Distance Racers.
TORONTO, Dec. 7.—Tom Longboat and Billy Sherring are matched to meet in London a week from tonight in a five-mile race. Sherring is training hard and expects to be evened up for his defeat at Chatham. Buffalo promoters want to bring Sherring and Longboat together in a 20-mile event there. Longboat is willing, but Sherring wants the distance cut to 15 or 18 miles.

LOCAL BANKERS TO MEET WHOLESALERS

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match promises to be an interesting affair. It commences at 8.30 p.m., at the Assembly rink, Fort street. The local coin-handlers recently defeated the Vancouver bankers in a very close game and the forthcoming match is creating considerable interest.

A practice match will be played this evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms with the following line-up against the Y. M. C. A. boys; for the bankers: Guards, Rome and McKeown; centre, Hopguard; forwards, Newmarch and Holden.

Empress Billiard Tourney
The semi-final match in the Empress hotel billiard tournament will be played tonight at 8 o'clock between N. Taylor (plus 45) and C. Paget Ford (plus 75). The winner of this game will meet C. Youle (plus 50) in the final of the tourney.

PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS

(Continued from Page 5.)

"The Republican party will uphold as all times the authority and integrity of the courts, state and federal, and will ever insist that their powers to enforce their process and to protect life, liberty and property shall be preserved inviolate. We believe, however, that the rules of procedure in the federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction should be more accurately defined by statute, and that no injunction or temporary restraining order should be issued without notice, except where irreparable injury would result from delay in which cases a speedy hearing thereafter would be granted."

"I recommend that in compliance with the promise thus made appropriate legislation be adopted. The ends of justice will best be met and the chief cause of complaint against il-

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WILL DEFINE AN AMATEUR

Special Representative Meeting of B. C. A. A. U. Will Be Held Saturday Night

EVER-PRESENT ISSUE
WILL BE DISCUSSED

Association Expected to Declare in Favor of Strict Interpretation

When is an amateur an amateur? This is the question of the hour. It is being asked by sportsmen from one end of Canada to the other. No solution of the problem satisfactory to the British Columbia branch of the C.A.A.U. has been arrived at yet and so Dan O'Sullivan, chairman of the association, has called a special meeting which will be attended by representatives of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver and New Westminster. It will take place on Saturday evening at the Empress hotel and will mark the settlement, finally and unalterably, of the problem as far as the Canadian west is concerned.

"We do not propose to allow any more of this petty professionalism," remarked one of Victoria's representatives last evening.
"This intermingling of professionalism and amateurs in amateur sports has got to be stopped and the sooner the better," exclaimed another. "It probably will hurt a number of local and outside clubs to introduce a hard and fast rule but it has to be done and the sooner the better," remarked a third party who will have a direct say when the issue comes up for discussion.

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Oppose Definition.

Judging from these and other opinions, it looks as though the British Columbia A.A.U. is not willing to accept the option allowed by the affiliation of C.A.A.U. and Federation Association in the revised definition of an amateur. To allow professionals to associate with amateurs in any sport no matter whether the award is not for the individual but for the club, is not the intention, apparently, of the majority of those who will have a voice when the question comes to a vote. They think that a line should be drawn and, once laid down, adhered to as sternly as the laws of the Medes and Persians. If they do this, as was intimated by one of those interviewed, it will mean that more than one organization will be hit, and hard hit too.

After this week there will be a straight dividing line described. Sportsmen will know where they stand with respect to the amateur and the professional subject. Either they will be able to come together under certain conditions or they will be kept apart as the white and the black sheep. Should the latter rule be adopted it cannot be said what will follow. At any rate one of two things will take place. Either the atmosphere will be cleared, and the present chaos made order, or the move will be so strongly opposed that there will result greater confusion than ever before, cropping out of which will be two distinct classes of amateurs—the one in favor of the strict interpretation of the amateur ruling and the other advocating a less harsh attitude.

STIRLING WINNER OF EMPRESS SERIES

Sharpe Wasn't Able to Meet Successful Rival's Pace in the Mile Race.

Bruce Sterling, the brawny young athlete of the Empress Athletic club, was the conqueror yesterday in the final race of a series of three one mile races, winning in one of the closest finishes in some time. Sterling has been coming to the front steadily since the hotel club started their meets. In the first he distinguished himself by running second with little training. In the second event he won and yesterday he again won out, putting him down as being the best one mile in the Empress Athletic Club.

Sharpe, the winner of the opening race finished in third place, second honors going to Richardson, the dark horse who had been forced to quit in previous races.

The time for yesterday's race was no better than 5.45, the slowest made in any of the races. However it must be considered that the track was sloppy and mush all the way around and to make fast time would be difficult for the most fleet footed of runners.

Dad Lucas, the club secretary, who has been doing better all along, ran well for three quarters of a mile and was with the pack all the way, leading at times. He slowed up at the last quarter, however, and had to figure out of the money. He finished well and with a wee bit more of experience at the game will be able to make any of them hump.

Immediately after the race the winner was presented with a cup given by W. H. Wilkerson. Second medal was awarded to Richardson. About sixty of the dried in the wool rang were present and enjoyed the sport immensely.

PICTURES OF SPORT AT VICTORIA THEATRE

The Johnson-Katchel fight pictures will be shown at the Victoria theatre on Saturday evening, and, judging from the press reports, they will be well worth seeing. Although the fight went against the white race the wonderful work of Johnson and the line it gives on his chances against Jeffries in the forthcoming fight, make the picture an interesting feature. Every detail of the twelve rounds will be shown. As an additional feature of the Katchel-Johnson fight pictures there will be five hundred feet of films showing Jeffries in training. Jeff is showing in his gymnasium, also, a picture of a wrestling. The greater part of the film, however, is given over to boxing with his sparring partner.

A series of views of the championship baseball series of 1909 between Pittsburgh and Detroit will also be shown. Among these will be the famous Hans Wagner, the leading batsman of the National league in action, as well as Cyrus Cobb, of Detroit. "Babe" Adams, who won every game he pitched, and Fred Clarke, the manager of the winning Pittsburgh team. The sale of seats for the pictures will be opened at the box office at ten o'clock Thursday morning.

STANLEY-BAYLIS RACE TOMORROW

Speedy Swede and Crack Victorian to Go Five Miles For British Columbia Championship.

William Stanley and Frank Baylis will meet tomorrow night in a match race for the championship of British Columbia over the five mile course. This is Stanley's last appearance in this city and both men are now putting the finishing touches on their training for the big race which is expected to draw a record crowd to the Assembly rink.

Stanley failed to best Baylis at the five mile distance when they met at the horse show building recently, but the Swedish representative expects to relieve himself. It will be started at 9 p.m. Skating will commence as usual at 8 p.m., while the management has extended the session an hour.

NEW YACHT FOR THE VICTORIA CLUB

A splendid thirty-six foot schooner-rigged boat has been added to the Victoria Yacht club's fleet. It belongs to H. Burd, a veteran sportsman of this city, who has been engaged in construction for several months. The craft now is lying in the upper harbor in the vicinity of the sealing schooner fleet. Provision has been made for the installation of an auxiliary engine.

Big Time Tonight.

All members of the Victoria West first division football team are reminded of the bun-feed and oyster supper that is being held at the club rooms, Catherine street, Victoria West tonight at eight o'clock. It is necessary that each member will be in the allotted place, so that the affair will be a huge success. Messrs. Orell, Kinloch and Sedger have all arrangements in hand and a big time is being looked forward to by the City champions.

A roller skate mile race was held at Vancouver the other day when Campbell, the winner, made the distance in 4 minutes 36 seconds. This is 67 seconds under the time made by Swatz in the same city last season.

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FIFTH REGIMENT
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Takes Governor-General's Efficiency Shield and Second and Third Also

The Fifth Regiment C. G. A., has won the Governor-General's shield for general efficiency and also second and third places in competition with all other artillery regiments in the Dominion, according to the results of the annual competition among the coast defence companies of Canada which were received yesterday. No. 2 company, Capt. Winsby, which held the Governor-General's shield the year before last—it was held last year at Halifax—again wins the coveted shield and cash prize, leading No. 3 company, Capt. Harris, by but 21 points, with No. 1 company, Capt. Angus, third, with 7 points less than No. 3 company.

In gun practice No. 3 company leads the Dominion, having secured an aggregate of 353 points, leading No. 1 company by 47 points, that company's total being 306, while No. 2 company secured 306. The next in line was No. 2 company of Halifax, with 287. No. 3 company lead in officers' observation of fire, getting 35 points out of a possible 40. The same company lead in the number of absentees, and in the grand total had 62 points deducted on this account.

The record of the local artillerymen is a unique one, the three companies taking first, second and third places in the Dominion. The next in order was No. 1 company of the 1st regiment of Halifax, which took fourth place, with four marks less than No. 1 company of the Fifth regiment C. G. A., while No. 2 company of Halifax was fifth and No. 2 company of Lewis, sixth, leading No. 3 company of the same place. Next in order were No. 4 and No. 5 of Halifax, No. 1 of Lewis and No. 1 of the Seventh regiment of Mahone Bay.

Grand Totals.

The grand totals in the two competitions, in gun practice and efficiency of personnel were as follows:

Gun Practice.	
No. 3 company, Fifth Reg.	353
No. 1 company, Fifth Reg.	306
No. 2 company, Fifth Reg.	306
No. 2 company, Halifax.	287
No. 2 company, Lewis.	246
No. 3 company, Lewis.	236
No. 1 company, Halifax.	214
No. 3 company, Halifax.	212
No. 4 company, Halifax.	205
No. 6 company, Lewis.	119
Practice and Efficiency of Personnel.	
No. 2 company, Fifth Reg.	497
No. 3 company, Fifth Reg.	476
No. 1 company, Fifth Reg.	469
No. 1 company, Halifax.	465
No. 2 company, Halifax.	412
No. 2 company, Lewis.	407
No. 3 company, Lewis.	394
No. 4 company, Halifax.	385
No. 3 company, Halifax.	309
No. 1 company, Lewis.	249

In the General Militia Orders received yesterday from Ottawa notice is given that a long service medal has been awarded to Gunner George Neill, who has served for twenty years in the Canadian militia.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

M. A. Ward, of Alberni, is in the city on a business trip.

W. B. Garrard and wife have returned from a visit to Alberni.

Arthur Pearson is a guest at the Empress.

G. F. Veir, the Trail smelter man, is at the Empress.

Professor E. Garde is spending a few days at the Empress.

Lewis and Mrs. Archibald of Halifax are guests at the Empress.

Mrs. P. F. Johnston, of 1321 Johnson street, will not receive today.

E. E. Welch of the Prince Rupert Meat Market went over to Vancouver last night.

E. J. Conway, who now counts White-water his headquarters, is at the Empress.

A. N. Wilmut and F. M. Hills are over from Vancouver, guests at the Empress.

Robert Lees and Joseph Garvice, of Alberni, are spending a fortnight's holiday in the Capital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Grey of Vancouver, who have been visiting in the city for the past week, returned home last evening.

Mrs. J. W. Bowker left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a trip to San Francisco and other California points.

J. A. Kirkpatrick is down from Prince Rupert for a Christmas vacation and is registered at the King Edward.

R. Marpole, J. E. McMullen and D. E. Brown, of the C. P. R., Vancouver, are spending today at the Empress, on company business.

Miss McKrum, of Kamloops, who for the past few months has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Roberts, Johnson street, returned to her home last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Captain Mackenzie, the Vancouver steamship man, with Norman J. Campbell, also of the Terminal City, were guests at the Empress yesterday.

Among recent well known arrivals at the Empress are C. M. Foster, the Winnipeg insurance man; W. G. Breeze and William Shannon of Vancouver.

George E. Hayes and James Tromp, from the new mining town of Seaward, in the Portland Canal district (a town, by the way, named for a pioneer resident of Saanich) are at the King Edward.

Major G. N. Audain left last night

via the C. P. R. for New York, whence he will sail on the Cunard liner Campania for the Old Country. Accompanying him is his son who is ill and Nurse Campbell.

Among the passengers on the Princess Charlotte for Vancouver last night were G. F. Veir, D. E. Brown, H. P. Wilson, Miss Trail, Miss Nichols, Miss Rattray, J. J. Sparrow, Dr. Porey, Mrs. Bishop, R. W. Ray, G. H. Fletcher.

W. W. Montellus, of the Montellus Piano Co., which is shortly to establish a Victoria branch on Government street near Fort, came over from Vancouver, his firm's Canadian headquarters, last evening. He is a Drilard guest.

N. McQuilkin, Mrs. McQuilkin and child, and Mr. and Mrs. Aumond and Miss Johnson are English visitors at the Empress. They had intended leaving for the provincial mainland two days ago, but have found it so homelike that they were impelled to extend their visit.

ALDERMAN TURNER
OPENS CAMPAIGN

Organization Meeting in His Interests Well Attended—Committees Struck

The first meeting in the interests of Alderman John A. Turner, candidate for mayor, was held in the committee rooms, corner Fort and Broad streets, last night, when over one hundred supporters were present. All preliminary business was executed and committees for the campaign in the various wards were chosen. The chair was occupied by E. Temple, and P. R. Fleming was selected secretary.

Five committees were appointed with supervisors as follows: Ward 1, Alexander Montell; Ward 2, Thomas Gelfing; Ward 3, John P. Sweeney; Ward 4, E. Greenshaw, and Ward 5, J. Savannah. These gentlemen will appoint three sub-committees and a vigorous campaign will be begun in the interests of the candidate at once.

The first meeting of the campaign will likely be present to hear Mr. Turner discuss civic issues. Mr. A. B. Ellis will be chairman of a committee to canvass the non-residents of this city. The meeting then adjourned.

INSTRUCTIVE WORK OF
DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Compendium of Island's Resources is Issued—Inquiries From Would-Be Settlers.

Every day indications are forthcoming of the activity and enterprise of the Vancouver Island Development League. The latest pamphlet of the organization, comprised in 32 pages, is an admirable compendium of the island's resources. All are touched upon in a brief, yet interesting fashion,

and the statistical results are put forward in a most attractive manner. The book is an epitome of instruction from cover to cover. On the title page appears a map of the island showing the various steamship lines which diverge from Victoria. In the pamphlet also is a map showing the present lines and the proposed railway development on the island. The production is otherwise illustrated, and is one of the most attractive advertisements which the island has ever had.

Yesterday the local offices of the league received no fewer than 55 letters from different parts of the world, all of them from would be settlers, who are anxious to find out everything possible about the resources of the district. Yesterday also Mr. Michelson, a Scandinavian farmer from the Kootenay district called at the offices and stated that he was the advance guard of five others who were anxious to come here and settle down. Mr. Michelson leaves for the west coast on the next trip of the steamer Ties in order to locate homesteads for himself and his friends. He states that a large number of people in the Kootenays are looking this way, as they are anxious to find homes in a more equable climate.

DAMAGE TO RAILWAY
IS NOT VERY SERIOUS

E. & N. Should Be in Complete Repair By Friday, Says Vice-President Marpole.

On his regular inspection of the E. & N. railway company's affairs, of which road he is the vice-president, R. Marpole, was in the city yesterday.

While Mr. Marpole did not make a tour of the line, as is his custom, he fully acquainted himself with its condition and last night declared that the recent floods had not wrought as great damage here as on the mainland. "I came over to see what was left of the road," he explained jokingly, "but discovered that the reports that it was totally out of condition and likely to remain so were not exactly correct."

That the work on the bridge just this side of Ladysmith, which was destroyed would be carried to completion as fast as was possible, Mr. Marpole assured his interviewer. The railroad company was as much alive and as anxious to have the connection established from Victoria through to Nanaimo, without any necessity for a transfer, as were any of the merchants in either of the cities. The repairs would be finished now within a few days. Quite probably the trains, both freight and passenger, would be running on regular schedule by Friday, if not sooner.

As for the E. & N. railway extension to the west coast, Mr. Marpole had little to add to what has already been published. The contractors were employing as many men as were available and the grading would be ready for the actual laying of rails within the time fixed.

Mr. Marpole returned to Vancouver last evening.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 7.—The strike at the plant of the Colonial Steel company at Monaca, Pa., near here occasioned by a demand of a ten per cent increase, was brought to an end by the men returning to the work at the old rate of wages.

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FINE NEW WALNUTS, per lb. 25c

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CHRISTIE'S FRUIT CAKES, 2-lb. tin 65c
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S ICED FRUIT CAKES, each, 1-lb. 40c 2-lb. 75c
PRESERVED GINGER, per jar 50c
CHRISTIE'S FANCY MIXED BISCUITS, 2-lb. tin 60c
FANCY OKANAGAN TABLE APPLES—Wagner and Baldwins, per box\$2.50
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NEW CHESTNUTS, per lb. 20c
FRY'S MILK CHOCOLATE BISCUITS, per box 35c
C. & B. RED CURRANT JELLY, 1-lb. jar. 35c
GENUINE GUAVA JELLY, per jar 35c
C. & B. XMAS PUDDINGS, each 35c, 65c and \$1.00
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S SMALL MIXED BISCUITS, per lb. 15c
CHIVER'S PATENT CUSTARDS, one packet makes 3 custards, per packet 15c
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CHIVER'S ORANGE MARMALADE, 1-lb. jar 15c
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C. & B. ORANGE MARMALADE, 2-lb. tin. 25c
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COX'S SPARKLING GELATINE, per packet. 10c
ESSENCES—all flavors, per bottle, 50c, 35c and 25c
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NICE MILD CURED HAMS, per lb. 21c
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TAT'S ENGLISH GRANULATED SUGAR, 100-lb. sack, \$5.60; or 17 lbs. for.\$1.00
McLAREN'S IMPERIAL CHEESE, per jar 50c and 25c
CANADA CREAM CHEESE, each 10c
FRESH CAMBRIDGE PORK SAUSAGE, per lb. 20c
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S AND CHRISTIE'S BISCUITS, all kinds.
TETLEY'S LOOSE TEA, 4 lbs. for\$1.00
ANTI-COMBINE TEA, in lead packets, 3 lbs. for\$1.00
FINE ISLAND POTATOES, 100-lb. sack. 90c
JOHNSON'S FLUID BEEF, 16-oz. bottle. 90c
C. & B. SOUPS, all kinds, per tin. 30c
C. & B. SOUP SQUARES, per packet. 15c
C. & B. HERBS OR POULTRY DRESSING, per bottle 20c
POULTRY DRESSING in tins, per tin. 10c
GENUINE INDIAN CHUTNEY, quart bottle 50c
CALGARY RISING SUN BREAD FLOUR, per sack\$1.75
PURE ONTARIO CLOVER HONEY, 5-lb. tin.\$1
HONEY IN THE COMB, each 25c
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C. & B. JAMS, small jars, all kinds, 3 jars for. 25c

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No Such Appointment.
A recent issue of the Revelstoke Mail-Herald contained a statement to the effect that W. W. Foster, the resident magistrate at Revelstoke, had been appointed to the position of deputy minister of public works, under Hon. Thomas Taylor, and would shortly remove to Victoria to take up his residence, the change being necessitated by his appointment. Inquiry at

and there are three judges, namely, D. W. Higgins, Capt. McIntosh and R. L. Drury.
The minister elicits the information that there is absolutely no foundation for the announcement, and that it is devoid of truth. In order to appoint a deputy minister legislation would be necessary creating the office, and at the present time this is not contemplated.
Good nourishing food is necessary for the invalid. In cases of great weakness there is nothing better than a well beaten egg in a cup of hot Bovril, or a cup of hot milk into which a spoonful of Bovril has been stirred.

Mining Department

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Prospecting for Coal.

The recent comments in this column on the subject of coal mining as an investment have brought several inquiries which are pertinent to the situation, and the answer to which will be of general application. Attention is directed to the fact that large areas of coal-bearing lands, or at any rate lands which are supposed to be coal-bearing, have been staked and advertised, but that beyond this very little has been done towards developing a mine, or even towards improving the property.

This is quite true and may be accounted for on several grounds which are in no sense intimated to the industry. First of all enormous areas have been staked by men who have no practical knowledge of geology, or even of coal-bearing strata. Possibly a small outcropping has been found and this has formed the basis of staking a whole country side. An instance may be recalled in which a land cruiser found such an outcrop four inches thick, and on the strength of it staked twenty square miles. On investigation it was found that the measures, which were on the sea shore, dipped immediately underneath the sea and there was practically no land area. As a matter of fact coal areas staked by men who are not at any rate practical geologists are of no more value than timber areas staked by an average coal miner.

Another reason why development has not followed location is, that on Vancouver Island the work of prospecting is extremely difficult. Unless an exposure is found on the sea shore, or on the banks of a river or creek, it is little likely to be faced at all, because of the thick cover of undergrowth and decayed timber. But there is another feature which contributes to this general difficulty. As a rule the coal measures of Vancouver Island lie at a steep angle and acquire considerable depth, even a short distance away from the point of exposure. The island has been subjected to more than its share of volcanic disturbance, and the measures as a rule are dislocated much more than on the mainland. The compensation for this is found in the high quality of the coal itself, but this does not help the prospector.

Boring for Coal.

Having found an outcrop the next process is to bore the property, and if this operation is not carried out with great judgment large sums may be spent to no purpose. Everything depends on correctly sizing up the geological formation, and placing the holes where the coal is not too deep to be reached with a moderate amount of work.

There is one striking illustration of the difficulty of this class of work to be found on Vancouver Island today. A wealthy firm bored on a particular property to a depth of 2,000 feet without finding coal, and abandoned their quest. A little later a new comer acquired the property and placed a bore-hole a mile or two away from the original one. The result was that he cut a thick and profitable vein of coal at a depth of less than 400 feet, and so demonstrated the value of a property which today is easily worth \$200 an acre.

There are on the island many properties which have been located, and which are full of promise, but the initial expenditure on boring would not be less than \$20,000, half of which would be absorbed by the purchase of a drilling outfit. Such an expenditure is a trifle to a wealthy syndicate, but it is obvious that it is altogether beyond the means of the average locator. What is the result? He is lucky if he is able to find a purchaser at a nominal figure. If he succeeds, the purchaser, by the expenditure of \$20,000, may demonstrate that the property is worth a million or more. If this demonstration were within the means of the original locator, he would derive something like the full benefit of his enterprise.

Government Drills.

In Nova Scotia the provincial government decided some ten years ago to purchase a drilling outfit, and loan or hire it to prospectors, where they could show that there was a reasonable probability of finding coal. The scheme worked to perfection, and resulted in the purchase of several such outfits, and the exploitation of coal areas, under which coal had been believed to exist for many years, but which no one had been able to prospect for lack of funds. If there were an abundant supply of cheap fuel it would hardly be reasonable to ask for government aid, but with fuel scarce and costly, the matter is well worthy of consideration, and British Columbia might do worse than follow the lead of Nova Scotia.

Mine Explosions.

A good deal is being written these days on the subject of mine explosions, and it may not be generally known that for nearly twenty years past coal communities have sat continually in England to investigate the phenomena of explosions, and to devise means for combating the evil.

The result of the most painstaking and capable investigation of the most scientific body of men in the world has been to establish certain facts which are now accepted without demur. The first is that coal-dust is an explosive agent, even when gas is not present. The next is that coal-dust is explosive in proportion to its fineness. The next is that the most frequent cause of a coal-dust explosion is "a blown-out shot."

The natural deduction from these established facts is that coal dust, which is present in every mine, has played a part in every explosion which has taken place, and that even where it has not been the principal agent in producing the initial explosion, it has never been a very active agent in spreading it. Time and again it has been demonstrated that explosions which have ultimately resulted in an appalling loss of life would have been confined to a small area, near the point of origin, if coal-dust had not existed in abundant quantities and so become the medium for extending it throughout the mine.

In the opinion of the highest authorities the great explosion at Farnley which cost 132 precious lives would probably have sacrificed less than ten but for the presence of coal dust; and this is only one illustration of many.

Pursuing the phenomena of explosions a little further it has been established that mines in which little or no gas has previously been found may suddenly become charged with gas in

consequence of an extensive fall or "cave-in" of the roof. It is obvious that such an occurrence cannot be provided against, or at any rate that it cannot be prevented, and there is only one way of rendering a mine, which is at all liable to such a cave-in, immune from explosions, and that is by excluding from the mine anything which would contribute to the explosion.

Conditions of Mining.

The simplest conditions are those in which no gas is known to exist in a mine, and which, therefore, is usually worked with naked lights; yet, the above statement shows that even under such conditions the presence of a naked light may furnish the necessary agent for spreading death and destruction in the event of a cave-in.

The next simplest condition is that in which small quantities of gas have been found in a mine, but so small as not to entitle the mine to be classified as "gaseous," and therefore presumably not requiring any very special precaution. It often happens that such a mine continues to be worked with naked lights, the protection being careful examination by inspectors with safety and testing lamps, and as an additional precaution the working of a particular section of the mine entirely with lamps.

This is a system which is still followed almost universally, yet the day is near at hand when it must be abolished, because every year is demonstrating more clearly that imprisoned gases may be liberated instantly by a convulsion which may convert an hitherto safe mine into an extremely dangerous one.

The third class of mine is the distinctly gaseous, in which the whole of the operations are carried on with safety lamps. This reduces the danger to a minimum, and the achievements of science in improving the construction of safety lamps, and eliminating all their weak features has done much to furnish a lamp which is not merely "safe" in name.

With the increase in the size of mines, and the consequent increase in the velocity of ventilating currents, all the old types of lamps stand condemned, because a swift air current will carry explosive gas through the gauze of the lamp, and bring it into contact with the flame and so cause an explosion.

Coal Dust.

This, however, leaves one important phase of the subject still to be dealt with. What is the most potent factor in bringing about a dust explosion? It has not been demonstrated that dust will explode under any conditions by merely being brought in contact with a naked light, but it has been demonstrated only too often that when dust becomes violently agitated it is in an highly explosive condition. This violent agitation is almost invariably produced by a blown-out shot (that is eliminating the instances in which a coal-dust explosion follows a gas explosion, and is originated by it).

There can be no doubt that scientific mining men are rapidly reaching the conclusion that blasting must be rigidly excluded from all mines of a certain class, and that class will be comprised of those which yield a friable bituminous coal, the most prolific in dust production. There is comparatively no danger of a dust explosion, or even of dust becoming an auxiliary to a gas explosion, in anthracite or lignite mines, but in high-grade bituminous mines the danger is very real and constant.

The two things which would probably do away with at least seventy-five per cent. of all explosions in coal mines, would be the total abolition of blasting, and of naked lights, from bituminous coal workings. There is only one objection to this, or at any rate only one in the final issue, because there are several which have to be overcome but they all resolve themselves into a question of cost, and as every political economist knows all additions to cost are borne by the consumer, and therefore there is no reason why there should be such a determined resistance to the adoption of, even extreme measures, for the protection of human life.

Blasting.

To take blasting first it is naturally the easiest way of producing coal, because it is easier to drill a hole and charge it with an explosive than to "undercut," and in some cases "shear" the face of the coal with a pick, or even with a mechanical coal cutter. For this reason both miners and owners favor it. Yet it is a striking fact that in the only coal mine in the province where the selling price is fixed by law, and limited to \$2 a ton, blasting is not permitted by the management; which goes to show that there could be no real difficulty in enforcing legislation to prohibit blasting in all bituminous mines.

Naked Lights.

With respect to naked lights, beyond the question of cost, comes the claim of the workmen that as a safety lamp gives an inferior light to a candle or a torch they are handicapped in examining their working places, and cannot so easily detect developments which may lead to danger. There is something in this, but the answer is that if naked lights were abolished safety lamps of superior illuminating power would soon be provided. In any event matters are rapidly advancing to the point where the protection of human life will demand legislation along the lines indicated. It will mean, at any rate for a time, some slight addition to the cost of production, and in some cases to the selling price of coal, but no greater addition than the public will cheerfully face for the advantages to be gained. Meanwhile, expedients for minimizing the results of explosions will continue to be devised, but the crux of the question lies in prevention, not in cure.

W. H. ELLIS, Investment Broker

Victoria Realty as an Investment

That there is in progress a very active development of the natural resources of British Columbia is apparent to all. That this development is but in its beginning, those who are well-informed and keep posted as far as may be of the intentions of investors, are well aware. A few years ago and there were some scattering inquiries as to the possibilities of profitable investment in British Columbia. This is all changed, and where there was one inquiry before as to the nature of British Columbia investments there is now twenty for submission of proposals, with the investor well informed as to the possibilities. Hence we have witnessed the investment of many millions of dollars in timber and saw mills, in agricultural and fruit lands, in coal and metal mines, in the fisheries, in shipping, in the extension of present and new electric and other railway lines, and last and not least, but because of the others—in city and suburban realty. From the last source the profits have been quickly earned, and many hundreds of people have become substantially well-to-do from well placed investments. This has been the case to a greater degree this year than ever before. Vancouver and surrounding districts have so far received the richer rewards; but Victoria has now begun to grow at a very satisfactory pace. Had the very extensive civic expenditures in street paving, improvement of water service, etc., the erection of numerous business blocks, the construction of many hundreds of residences, and the strong evidences generally of increased business, increasing population and also increased confidence in Victoria's rich future, been present—as it no doubt was—in Vancouver, the real estate transactions would have been numbered by hundreds and not by dozens. However, the foundation has been laid and the results are yet to be realized. In addition, through the return of the McBride ministry and the splendid endorsement of the railway policy, Victoria will shortly be possessed of increased transcontinental railway service and competition in rates, while

the line to Barkley Sound will open a field for investment in exploiting the timber, iron, copper, coal, cement, fisheries, etc., etc., which are present along its route, not forgetting which will then have a market in good markets. There are also the construction of the C. P. R. to the north and west, to Alberni and Cowichan Lake, the building of electric lines into the suburbs and surrounding districts, and above, what a splendid prospect outlined for a possessor, and what a magnificent future is in store for it! For one has not yet considered its unique climate, its unequalled scenic attractions. Take it the year round, Victoria has the pleasantest, most equable climate on the North American continent. That it will become the residence headquarters of hundreds of wealthy people, men interested in directing the development of the country's resources, and many thousands more because of its natural attractions and advantages, there is no question of doubt. While as a tourist resort it will be visited by growing thousands yearly as its fame becomes spread abroad.

Now all this being so, is there the slightest reason to question the wisdom of an investment in Victoria business or residential realty, in its suburban and district lands? There can only be one, and that an affirmative reply. There is every factor present in Victoria that has caused the rapid growth of cities the continent over, while the prices of realty are so moderate that no investment made now can have other than a highly profitable result.

While I am not in a position to negotiate the sale of all that is desirable in the way of investment, I have a list of choice business, residential and suburban properties, some of them positively bargains, that are well worth considering, and any of which I will be pleased to submit to investors for consideration.

LIST OF PROPERTIES

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DOUGLAS STREET—30 x 120, near Cormorant street; with brick building. Price.....\$18,000
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YATES STREET—Central, choice and good revenue producers. Price on application.
FORT STREET—Corner of Blanchard, revenue producing. Price.....\$25,000
FORT STREET—Corner of Vancouver, vacant. Price.....\$7,500
BELLEVILLE STREET—Opposite C. P. R. docks, 120 x 120; improved. Price.....\$15,000
FISGARD STREET—West of Government; 60 x 120, with two-story brick building; Chinese tenants. Price.....\$21,000
Have also a number of choice business locations, improved and vacant, on Government, Langley, Wharf, Courtenay, Humboldt and Johnson streets on which I will be pleased to quote prices and terms to investors.

Residential Properties—Continued

LAMPSON STREET—Handsome suburban residence, with coach house, stable, etc., on one acre of land in fine situation. Close to school and cars. Has large paneled entrance, hall, with open fireplace, mission ceiling and clock room. Off hall, drawing room, dining room, living room, conservatory, kitchen, etc., three bedrooms, with large closets; bathroom, trunk room, etc. This house was built for owner's occupation and is handsomely finished and is a complete, attractive and comfortable residence. Price, on terms, is.....\$7,500
UPPER YATES STREET—Fine nine-roomed residence, handsomely finished throughout and modern in every respect; lot 90 x 120. A very desirable property. Price.....\$14,000
PANDORA AVENUE—Ten-roomed residence, in first class shape and modern arrangement. Rooms are large and well finished. Five bedrooms, concrete basement, with high ceiling. Price, on terms.....\$5,800
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SIDELIGHTS ON LIFE

Involving the Sad History of Lov'ly Nell, a Lady With a Temperament.

"You never can tell," murmured the policeman philosophically, as he toted his feminine charge toward the Free Hotel early yesterday morning.

As the pair filed in the night clerk of the Free Hotel smiled whimsically. Just why he should smile whimsically we do not attempt to explain. But, smiling whimsically, he gallily sang: "Toll the bell for Lov'ly Nell
 "My dark Virginia bride,
 Her name wasn't Nell, that is, not exactly. But she was there with bells all right. However, as she may once have been a lady, we cannot tell her name. She is well known to the police anyway and to such vagabonds as "sleep on the day and rouse on the night." She had been incarcerated ("incarcerated," Old English for "jugged"—Webster, pp. 46) some time ago for not being able to show good and sufficient reason why she shouldn't have been incarcerated and for being a common, ordinary vag.

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E. F. MILLER, Secretary.
 Duncans, B. C., Nov. 30th, 1909.

NOTICE

I, Dan Campbell, hereby give notice that one month from date hereof I will apply to Superintendent of Provincial Police at Victoria, B. C., for a renewal of my license for selling intoxicating liquors at the premises known as the Colwood Hotel, situated on Goldstream road, in the district of Esquimalt, to commence first day of January, 1910.
 (Signed) DAN CAMPBELL
 November 5th, 1909.

NOTICE

I hereby give notice that I will apply at the next sitting of the Board of License Commissioners of Saanichton for a transfer of the license known as the Victoria Gardens hotel to the house known as Rockwood on Gorge Road.
 (Signed) W. PATERSON.
 November 8, 1909.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans "kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery."

The fine was paid all right; oh, yes, the coin showed up from somewhere. But the blow to one's pride! Oh, well, it's the way things go in this world.

Amusement Man Here.

Captain and Mrs. A. W. Lewis of New York were transient visitors to Victoria and the Empress yesterday, on their way home from Seattle, where Captain Lewis designed and superintended construction of the Paystreak of the well-remembered A. Y. P. exposition. Captain Lewis is one of the most famous men in his specialty in the amusement world, having been for some time associated with Col. Thompson in his great enterprises.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Domestic Problem.

Sir—Is it possible for the women of Victoria to find an answer to the question propounded by the "man" who in an editorial in this morning's Colonist, wants to know "how his wife can get a domestic servant?"

The old servant, as we remember him or her, is a thing of the past; but material has been forming out of which eventually the new servant will reconstruct a servant which will differ as much from the classic slave as the present nurse differs from the Sarah Gamp of glorious memory.

It is doubtful whether women in other parts of the world have suffered quite so much from the absence of the servant as we women on the Pacific coast. Would it, therefore, not be fitting if we, who have gained from knowledge by experience and who are beginning to realize what the continuance and possible aggravation of existing conditions must in time mean to the home, make ourselves instrumental in bringing about a change for the better?

There are many clever women in Victoria and a goodly number of them with splendid capabilities for organizing, could we not, all helping one another from some scheme which could serve as a basis on which domestic service might raise itself to the height of a profession?

The time to give the first impetus is ripe. Let us begin today and here.

ELIZABETH REEBECK.

A Board of Control.

Sir—In considering this question it must be kept in mind that in our modern systems of government, whether municipal or parliamentary, there are three important links—three distinct branches of government, namely: Legislative, Administrative, Departmental.

The functions of a municipal council should be essentially legislative. The weakness of our present system is that the council as now constituted has imposed upon it the double duty of discharging the legislative and administrative functions of municipal government. This is a failure, everybody recognizes, and many people do not hesitate to say that the remedy is to let the council confine itself strictly to its legislative functions, leaving the departmental officials to do the rest; that is to say: let the council pass all bylaws, vote the money appropriations for the different branches of the public service, and then leave it entirely in the hands of our permanent departmental officials to carry on the affairs of the city and expend the money placed at their disposal by the ratepayers and the council; in other words, it is proposed to transfer the administrative

function of municipal government from the council to the departmental officials. I submit this would prove a huge blunder. We are accustomed to hear a great deal of abuse heaped upon the heads of our elected councils from year to year, but it is a question whether this city has not suffered more from the incompetency of departmental officials in the last twenty years than it has from the shortcomings of aldermen, and while I am opposed to the continuance of the present system of having the aldermen perform the administrative functions, I am more strongly opposed to the proposal to hand over the administration or management of the city to the departmental branches of the public service. Then the question comes: "What is the remedy?" Before supplying the remedy, let me emphasize the point again that the weakness of our present system lies in the lack of proper administration. Administration is the weak link in our city government—we might almost say, the missing link.

The remedy I have to submit is a Board of Control. Let the controllers be elected by the city at large for a term of two years, retiring alternately. Let them be paid a salary and devote their whole time to the public business.

Many reasons can be advanced in favor of the administrative branch of municipal government being exercised by a Board of Control elected by the whole people. Space will permit of only a few being given.

First, the administrative authority should receive its authority direct from the people. It should be of the people, by the people and for the people. It should be responsible to the people. The public have the right to criticize their administrators, and intelligent criticism has always been a wholesome and corrective influence on men in public affairs.

Permanent officials are intended chiefly for the discharge of certain specific duties. They are responsible to the authority that appoints them (that is the council), and are not responsible to the people, and they have no right to take their orders from the people; but the people would always have the right to present their views to a Board of Control elected from and by themselves.

In the next place, it is essential that those exercising administrative authority in our civic affairs shall be constantly and daily in touch with the work under their control. Is it reasonable to expect that the aldermen who have their own business to look after every day of the week, can possibly have anything but a mere smattering of what is going on all over the city in the various branches of the city's service, with its miles of streets and sidewalks, water works, street lighting, etc. On the other hand, if we had controllers in daily attendance on their

duties giving their whole time to the work of the city, receiving and reviewing regular reports of the progress of the different operations, and exercising a constant supervision and inspection, we would not have the ever-recurring mistakes and costly blunders that have been only too common in the past.

Controllers would also bring about a more expeditious transaction of public business. Under present conditions, when anybody of interested ratepayers have some matter to present to the city council they have to wait until the meeting of the council. The council then usually refer the subject to some committee or official for investigation and report. The matter then comes back to the council again at the next meeting for final action. Now, instead of this roundabout procedure, if we had controllers in daily attendance on their duties, matters of this nature could be laid before them, and in many cases dealt with immediately. Where matters of special interest or importance required to be laid before the whole council, the controllers could look into them in the meantime and be in a position to discuss them before the general council when they came up for consideration, thus avoiding unnecessary delay.

In any sphere of business, private or public, the keystone to success is management. No proprietor of a mercantile or industrial enterprise can afford to take the position that because he has a capable staff of clerks and skilled workmen in his services, there is nothing left for him to do. The business needs his constant care and oversight. The same conditions apply to our municipal affairs—as matters are now we really have no management of the city's business.

I have not had an opportunity of exchanging views with Mr. Hanna on this question, but I think he has done the public a distinct service in bringing the matter to an issue.

I trust the reasons given here may help the electors to decide in favor of a Board of Control, and in conclusion would remind your readers that in every city where this plan has been adopted in eastern Canada, it has been pronounced an unqualified success.

R. L. DRURY.

Tragedy at Cook Inlet

SEWARD, Dec. 7.—George Purches was shot three times and killed by J. J. Kashenikov, at Knik, Cook Inlet, November 17th. Purches was a well-known mining man in this region, and formerly was a member of the Mounted Police at Dawson. Kashenikov was a clerk in Palmer's store at Knik. The trouble was over a woman. The miners held a meeting and held the murderer pending the arrival of officers from Seward.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session on behalf of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay for an act conferring upon the council of the said corporation the following powers in addition to those conferred by the "Municipal Clauses Act," namely:

(1) Power to make, alter and repeal bylaws for the following purposes:

(a) For charging a frontage rate against all property past which water mains run, and making such water rates a lien on the real property.

(b) For borrowing money for purchasing, laying and constructing water mains, gas mains, electric lighting trunk or main wires and connections, subject to the provisions of Sections 65 and 66 of the "Municipal Clauses Act," but without the restrictions contained in Section 81 of the said act.

(c) For preventing the obstruction of streams, watercourses and drains and authorizing the municipal officers to enter on private lands for the purpose of clearing streams, watercourses or drains; and for laying drains or sewerage pipes in any stream or water courses; for entering into agreements with other municipalities for clearing any watercourse or stream, and building and maintaining sewers and drains.

(d) For regulating the speed of street cars, automobiles and other vehicles.

(e) For licensing hacks, cabs, automobiles, trolleybuses and other vehicles, hired either within or without the municipality, passing over the roads and highways within the municipality.

(f) For regulating the class of buildings to be erected in any particular section or district of the municipality.

(g) For prohibiting, regulating and licensing the carrying of the same within the municipality or on any waters within one mile of the shore of any part of the municipality.

(h) For granting to any person or corporation any reduction in the rate of taxation and for entering into any agreement for the assessment of any person's or corporation's lands and property of lesser value than the surrounding lands.

(i) Power to purchase or otherwise acquire water and waterworks where situated and to deal with and enter into agreements with any person or corporation owning the same for acquiring waterworks or water supply, and power to construct and lay pipes from such waterworks, or from any point where water is supplied to the municipality through any lands, roads, streets or highways, whether provincial, municipal or private, and full power to pass the necessary bylaws for such purposes.

(j) Power to enforce all bylaws on the foreshore adjoining the municipality.

(k) Power to ratify and confirm the agreement to be entered into between the corporation and William Hicks Gardner, and ratifying the bylaw to be submitted to the ratepayers embodying such bylaw, and giving the council power to adopt and carry into effect the said agreement and carry out and confirm all the rights, franchises and privileges in the said agreement mentioned; and to borrow money to repay to William Hicks Gardner the cost of the watermain mentioned in the said agreement without submitting such bylaw to the ratepayers.

(l) Power to carry on local improvements for all municipal work under a new system, with full power to pass the necessary local improvement bylaws making the cost of local improvements chargeable against the property benefited thereby without receiving the consent of the ratepayers.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1909.

BODWELL & LAWSON,
Solicitors for The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

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1/2 Acre of Land, all cleared and fenced, nice high situation, good soil, no rock, and a 6-roomed cottage, in good condition, is going for \$1800.00, on exceptionally easy terms, viz: \$700 cash, balance \$10 per month; no interest.

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5 Acres—Four miles out, splendid soil, all cleared and fenced, no buildings; price \$1000.00; terms \$500 cash, balance to suit.

5 Acres—7 miles out, good 5-roomed house, barn, dairy and chicken house; land is all cleared, good vegetable garden and a few fruit trees; plenty of water; 1 1/2 miles from a railway station. Price \$1500.00; terms \$500 cash, balance to suit.

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LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900.

I, M. Gouge, hereby give notice that, one month from date hereof, I will apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police at Victoria for a renewal of my license to sell intoxicating liquors at the premises known as the Four-Mile House, situated on the Goldstream road, in the district of Esquimalt, to commence on the first day of January, 1910.

M. GOUGE.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1909.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of John O'Donnell, late of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" to all creditors of the estate to deliver to the undersigned before the 25th day of December, full particulars of claims, verified by Statutory Declaration. After such date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

Dated at Victoria, this 22nd day of November, 1909.

McPHILLIPS & DAVIE,
Of Davis Chambers, No. 4 Bankers' Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executor.

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Newton Young, late of Duncan, B.C., Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," to all persons claiming to be creditors of the above-named deceased, to deliver to the undersigned before the 10th day of January, 1910, full particulars of their claims verified by statutory declaration. After said date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 4th day of December, 1909.

ELLI HARRISON,
Solicitor, Executor.

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Victoria, B. C., 5th November, 1909.

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PRIVATE BILLS

Copies of Bills, Petitions, and notices as published must be deposited with, and all fees paid to, the Clerk of the House, not later than 12th January, 1910.

Petitions for Bills will not be received by the House after 31st January, 1910.

Bills must be presented to the House not later than 10th February, 1910. Reports from Standing Committee on Bills will not be received by the House after 17th February, 1910.

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Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

Victoria, 1st November, 1909.

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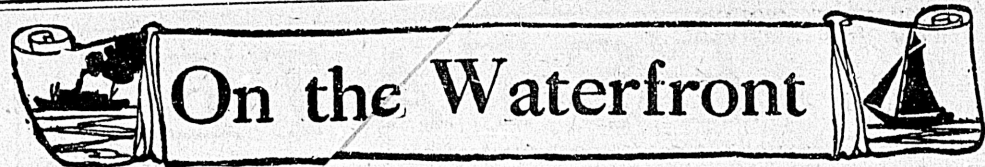
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PURI ON THE TRIANGLE RUN

Mackenzie Steamship Co. May Lease Wharf Here and Engineer Sound Service

STEAMER LEAVES BOMBAY NEXT WEEK

Capt. Mackenzie Not Ready to Make Any Announcement

There is another interport ferry service in prospect for next summer to run between Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver. A report is current that the Mackenzie Steamship Company of Vancouver is negotiating for the lease for a term of years of a wharf in Victoria and next season will operate a steamer, probably the Puri, which is to leave Bombay on Wednesday next for Victoria, in a daily service from Victoria to Seattle and Vancouver. Another steamer may also be secured, according to the report current, probably a vessel which has been engaged in the cross-channel trade from the British Isles. Capt. S. F. Mackenzie of the Mackenzie Steamship Company was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Empress hotel, and was unwilling to make any announcement beyond the fact that his steamship company proposed to come to Victoria next season and would have a wharf here. Beyond that he would neither affirm nor contradict the reports of the proposed "triangular" service. It was reported that the wharf to be leased is that of the Hudson's Bay Company. Mr. J. Thompson, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, was asked yesterday if the wharf had been leased to the steamship company, but he declined to make any statement.

A well known steamship man, speaking of the reports of the proposed service yesterday said: "I am convinced that the Mackenzie Steamship Company will enter this service and understand that arrangements to that end are now being made."

Ample Accommodation. With the coming of the Mackenzie Steamship Company into the service between Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver, and the entry of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship service, which has the fine three-funnelled steamers, Prince Rupert and Prince George of the type of the Princess Victoria under construction at the yards of Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson on the Tyne, into the trade between the port of Victoria and the mainland, there will be ample accommodation for travel. The C. P. R. is to have an additional Princess liner, the contract for which will shortly be placed by Capt. J. W. Troup at a British shipyard and the night run between this port and Vancouver in the place of the Charmer and the Princess Victoria and Princess Charlotte will alternate on the triangular run. With the C. P. R., G. T. P., Mackenzie, and International steamship companies in this trade there will probably be seven sailings a day for Seattle and Vancouver.

The new steamers of the G. T. P. are to run to Prince Rupert, as well as British Columbia and Puget Sound ports, but they will be a strong factor also in the interport trade. The Mackenzie Steamship Company will probably maintain only its steamer Rupert City in the Prince Rupert trade, keeping the Puri in the triangular service.

In the Olden Days. When the old time contemplates the increasing number of steamships engaged in service out of Victoria to Puget Sound and Vancouver during the past decade he often mentally compares the modern steamship services with those of the days of old, the days when the George E. Starr, the Eliza Anderson and others of that ilk made trips that covered the greater part of the day. The George E. Starr was a liner of thirty years ago. She was built in 1878 and for twelve years was chief of the Puget Sound steamers—but she was a tub compared with the Princess liners of today. It was in 1892 that the steady steamship began to run to this port. Once when Capt. Ames was in command she was carrying 55 tons of wheat to Victoria during a winter storm, and she bucked the gale for eight hours without making a mile. Capt. Ames then ordered the crew to jettison the cargo and practically every pore of his body went overboard. It was that or the loss of the steamer. There were fifteen barrels of skid oil on board and these came in useful. The oil stilled the sea somewhat and after eleven hours steaming from Port Townsend, first with one paddle under and then the other, the George E. Starr made the port.

The Eliza Anderson, Whatcom, Rosalie, Utopia—all the old time steamships of the interport trade compare most unfavorably with the modern steamships that are now and are to be. But some of them were liners in their day.

ITALIAN LINE COMING VIA PANAMA Steamship Lines Expected to Send Vessels to North Pacific Via New Canal.

That the coming of several new lines of steamships to the North Pacific Coast will follow the opening of the Panama Canal is assured. A despatch from New York says tangible evidence of the oft-repeated prediction that the opening of the Panama Canal will be of direct benefit to California and the North Pacific coast ports was here today in the announcement made that the Lloyd Sabauda Steamship Company will establish a direct line of steamers between Italy and San Francisco as soon as the canal is opened.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

By Government Wireless.
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a southeast wind, 26 miles. Bar, 29.50, temp. 39. Sea moderate. In steamer President, at 4 a.m., steam schooner, at 7.45 a.m.
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Rain, wind southeast, Bar, 29.36, temp. 30. Spoke steamer Portland, northbound, at 7.15 p.m.
Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Clear, a southeast wind. Bar, 29.45, temp. 33.
Pachena, 8 a.m.—Rain, dirty weather; ugly appearance. Bar, 29.33, temp. 40. Sea rough.
Estevan, 8 a.m.—Hall, wind southeast; dirty weather. Bar, 29.35, temp. 39. Sea rough.
Cape Lazo, noon—Cloudy, a southeast gale, Bar, 29.43, temp. 36. Sea rough. Spoke Princess May, southbound, at noon, which reported steamer Quadra at Port Rock Buoy, Millbank Sound, last night.
Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, a southeast gale, Bar, 29.52, temp. 35.
Tatoosh, noon—Part cloudy, wind southeast, 24 miles. Bar, 29.57, temp. 39. Sea moderate.
Estevan, noon—Wind southeast, passing showers. Bar, 29.44, temp. 44. Sea rough.
Pachena, noon—Fresh southeast wind, passing showers. Bar, 29.41, temp. 42. Sea rough.
Large two-masted steamer, with black funnel, eastbound, at 11.30 a.m.
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a southeast wind. Bar, 29.62, temp. 47. Sea smooth. In the German steamer Setos, 6 p.m.
Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Snowing, southeast wind. Bar, 29.56, temp. 35. Sea moderate. No shipping.
Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a southeast wind. Bar, 29.96, temp. 36. Spoke steamer Princess May, southbound, 6 p.m., anchored at Duncan Bay, weathered. Departure uncertain.
Estevan, 6 p.m.—Southeast wind, passing showers. Bar, 30.56, temp. 36. Sea smooth.
Spoke Kaga Maru 310 miles from Estevan, 6 p.m., eastbound.
Pachena, 6 p.m.—Hall, wind southeast. Bar, 29.40, temp. 36. Sea rough. No shipping.

Caesare Conti, the agent of this company in New York, returned here yesterday after a three months' visit to Italy, where he has been interesting himself in the Italian ship subsidy. According to the proposed plan Mr. Conti's company will get \$1,200,000 of the \$4,800,000 the Italian government will give. The line will be compelled to add thirty more vessels to the present fleet of five. The trip from Genoa to San Francisco will take approximately twenty-five days.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN AGREEMENT

President's Message Refers to Arrangements to Settle the Question

In his first annual message, issued yesterday, President W. H. Taft of the United States referred as follows to the proposed conference for a settlement of the sealing question: "Negotiations for an international conference to consider and reach an arrangement providing for preservation and protection of the fur seals in the North Pacific are in progress with the governments of Great Britain, Japan and Russia. The attitude of the governments interested leads me to hope for a satisfactory settlement of this question as the ultimate outcome of the negotiations."

Several proposals have been made by the United States to Canada for a settlement of the pelagic sealing question, always on the basis that the industry be discontinued. The Washington government offered to buy out the interests of the sealers of Victoria and to give the Dominion of Canada a 25 per cent interest in the seal herds. This offer was made two years ago, but was not accepted by the Ottawa government.

The coming of the Japanese into Bering sea since the close of the Russo-Japanese war complicated the question. The Japanese, owing to their government not being a party to the sealing treaty made between the United States and Great Britain as a result of the Paris Arbitration Tribunal of 1894, were not amenable to the regulations which governed the Canadian sealers—the United States government refused to permit its own citizens to engage in the business at all—and the Japanese hunt without regard to prohibited areas or closed seasons, without consideration of other regulations than those prescribed by international law. The result has been that the Japanese have hunted to within three miles of the seal rookeries in and out of season, and this has resulted in accelerating the arrangements for an international conference at which it is proposed to reach an agreement which will bring pelagic sealing to a close on a basis satisfactory to all the nations interested.

Princess May Stormbound. The C. P. R. steamer Princess May, southbound from Skagway and Northern B. C. ports, reported by wireless to Cape Lazo at 6 p. m. yesterday that she was stormbound at Duncan Bay.

Setos Passes In. The German steamer Setos of the Kosmos line passed Cape Flattery at 6 p. m. inbound to Puget Sound, completing her trip from Hamburg by way of South American ports and San Francisco.

SEALERS PREPARE FOR SPRING CRUISE

Jessie and Pescawha Shipping Hunters For Long Trip After Fur Bearers

The sealers are preparing to start the new season. Capt. William Munro yesterday morning began signing a crew of twenty-one or more hunters for the sealing schooner Jessie, and Capt. Balcorn is shipping a full crew of white hunters for the Pescawha. The Jessie and Pescawha are both "independent" schooners outside the combined fleet operated by the Victoria Sealing Company, the former owned by Richard Hall and others, and the latter by Capt. J. W. Peppert. Both vessels will get away during the month, the intention of Capt. Munro being to sail out of the Straits before Christmas and spend the holiday at sea on the way to the Californian coast to meet the seal herds returning northward toward Bering sea. The Pescawha is also expected to leave before Christmas.

Both the Jessie and Pescawha will clear for sealing and sea-otter hunting. They will hunt off the southern coast, following the herds northward until the season ends with the last day of April, and after landing their seal skins will outfit and proceed direct to the sea-otter grounds in the North Pacific to hunt there until the Bering sea season opens on August 1st, when they will enter Bering sea, the whole cruise lasting nine or ten months.

It is expected that one or two other schooners will also outfit.

NEWINGTON FOR COAST

Will Relight Beacon at Kyuquot—Lantern to Be Installed at Estevan.

The steamer Newington is expected to leave today bound to light stations on the west coast of Vancouver Island. She will relight the beacon at Kyuquot reported extinguished a few days ago, and will carry Mr. Collinson and others to Estevan Point to establish the lantern on the new concrete lighthouse tower built at that place.

Reaches Destination. The British ship Inverness-shire arrived November 25 at Palmouth after an eventful voyage from Tacoma, with

grain. The windjammer sailed from the Sound March 24 and put into Valparaiso on June 23 in a sorry plight. She had not only suffered the ravages of heavy weather, but had fought against a fire which threatened to overwhelm her when the elements had ceased to work a hardship. It was necessary for the vessel to remain at the South American port for some time undergoing repairs before proceeding.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HARBOR ASSOCIATION

Inner Harbor Association Will Meet This Afternoon at the City Hall.

The annual meeting of the Inner Harbor Association of Victoria will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the committee room of the city hall. The business to be considered at this the third annual meeting will be to receive the third annual report of the board of management; to elect officers for the ensuing year; and to consider any matters affecting the general improvement of the harbor, or promotion of the trades and industries of the port, that may be brought up by any member of the association.

MENACE TO NAVIGATION

Mariners Warned That Spindle Beacon Has Gone From Rock in Chatham Strait.

The United States hydrographic office at Port Townsend yesterday notified the agent of marine and fisheries that the spindle beacon on the rock off South Passage Point, entrance to Tannah Inlet, Chatham Strait, Alaska, has disappeared. This is a dangerous rock for navigators entering from or leaving southward and mariners must govern themselves accordingly.

TURRET STEAMER COMING FOR COAL

Claverley and Hermine Will Load For Mexico—Sulphur and Nitrate Carriers Coming.

The British steamer Claverley and the Austrian steamer Hermine are expected here shortly to load coal from Comox for Mexico on time charter. The Claverley is coming from San Pedro and the Hermine is about due from nitrate ports. The Claverley is a turret steamer of the latest type of modern freighters. She has a capacity of 12 1-2 per cent more than the ordinary type of carrier. Both vessels will carry cargoes of coal to Guaymas, and will carry Mr. Collinson and others to Estevan Point to establish the lantern on the new concrete lighthouse tower built at that place.

Beaver Busy. The C. P. R. steamer Beaver on Monday made a special trip up the Fraser River as far as Mission, in order to relieve the heavy freight congestion which has ensued since the sinking of the Strathcona. The Beaver carried over 100 tons of mixed freight for various way points.

On the Fraser. The gasoline sternwheel steamer White Swan, owned and operated by Capt. Roy Troup, has now inaugurated a regular schedule between New Westminster and Mount Lehman, leaving the Royal City at 10.30 a. m. She has now made two trips successfully.

Empress of India En Route. The big white liner Empress of India left Hongkong last Saturday morning with 243 Chinese, 35 for this port, 40 for Vancouver, 15 for Puget Sound, 18 for overland Canadian points, 50 for overland American points, 16 for Havana, 46 for Mexico, and 20 for Jamaica.

Hull Punctured. According to London advices it is believed that there is little hope of saving the British steamer King George, which was previously reported ashore in the Straits of Sundra on a voyage from Hongkong for New York. It has been found that the vessel is badly punctured with rocks, and the tide runs in and out of her.

Returned to Port. The steamer City of Nanaimo, which left for Nanaimo yesterday morning, returned to port about one o'clock yesterday afternoon owing to the heavy sea prevailing after the big southeast gale of Monday night and yesterday morning, when the wind reached a maximum velocity of 90 miles an hour off the coast and 70 miles an hour in the Gulf of Georgia.

Kaga Maru Reported. The steamer Kaga Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line was reported by wireless yesterday. She reported to Estevan Point at 6 p. m., being then 310 miles out. The steamer is expected to reach William Head quarantine station tonight. The Japanese liner has 6 passengers, including 2 Chinese and 237 tons of general freight for this port.

The Stranded Strathcona. According to information received from the Fraser River yesterday the steamer Strathcona is now lying in better position than previously, the wrecking crew having succeeded in passing cables under the hull and raising the boat considerably with the aid of the high tide. The operation was not altogether successful and will, it is understood, have to be repeated before the vessel is free from the snag which pierces her hull. There is still a possibility that she may slide back into deep water and become a total loss, but the indications are more favorable for her being successfully floated. The Samson is still standing by giving what assistance is possible.

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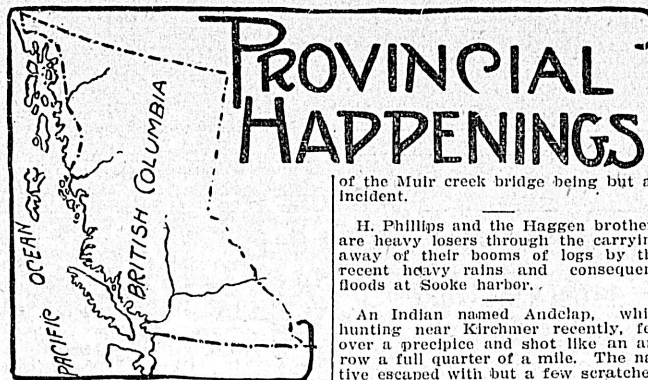
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PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

of the Muir creek bridge being but an incident.

H. Phillips and the Haggan brothers are heavy losers through the carrying away of their booms of logs by the recent heavy rains and consequent floods at Sooke harbor.

An Indian named Andelap, while hunting near Kitchener recently, fell over a precipice and shot like an arrow a full quarter of a mile. The unfortunate died with but a few scratches.

The last payment on the Yankee City mine, which fell due last Wednesday, was promptly met, and heavy shipments will be resumed as soon as there is sufficient snow.

An inquest to fix responsibility for the recent accident on the Great Northern in which twenty-two Japanese workmen were killed, opened at the Royal City yesterday.

A meeting of the vestry of St. Peter's, Revelstoke, was held last week to formulate plans for the building of a new church, toward which object a handsome subscription has been received from Lord Revelstoke.

Nelson believes in presenting a good front to the world. The city provides one free out-of-doors light to each residential light user, and one free light for each store front or show window.

Ptomaine poisoning has brought several residents of East Sooke to beds of illness. Mr. Fraser and Mrs. Charters being the most seriously affected. The cause of the dangerous epidemic is as yet a mystery.

A special jury sitting under Mr. Justice Clements at Vancouver, has awarded \$750 damages to the plaintiff in Bennett vs. the B. C. Electric Railway Co. Bennett received injuries by being struck by a street car in May last. He sued for \$5,000 damages.

A sensation has been caused at Creston by the discovery, by John Husercroft, of a skeleton, evidently that of a man more than six feet in height. It is believed to be that of a prospector named Wallace, reported murdered by his partner, another prospector, fifty years ago.

The execution will take place at New Westminster on Friday of the Japanese Yoshikawa, who on the 26th a few weeks ago plunged a sharpened crow-bar into the body of a companion because the latter refused to desist from singing when Yoshikawa desired to sleep.

In sentencing to five years' imprisonment Frank McIntyre, who with his half-breed wife had been convicted of keeping a disorderly house, Magistrate Corbould of New Westminster added in an aside to the police: "Ask the governor of the jail to give this man the very hardest labor he can devise."

Ald. Bailey and Rowcliffe, of Kelowna, who tendered their resignations, interpreting the defeat of a power-house reconstruction bylaw as a vote of censure upon the council, have withdrawn their resignations with an explanation that they had been defeated by the bylaw to have been defeated by gross misrepresentations.

The civic nominations for New Westminster city took place yesterday, when Mayor Keary and Ald. John A. Lee were formally put in the running as rival candidates for the chief magistracy. The candidates for aldermanic place are J. Carter Smith, A. W. Gray, George Adams, J. J. Johnston, John B. Jardine, A. Hardmann, M. Sinclair, J. Cameron, H. Gilley, J. A. Atchison, C. A. Walsh, J. C. Blair, T. H. Smith, J. S. Bryson and R. Watson. Of these seven are to be elected.

William Mackenzie, of Mackenzie & Mann, will shortly visit British Columbia in connection with the arrangements made with the government for construction of the Canadian Northern through British Columbia. Arrangements have been made for G. S. McCarter to meet the railroad builder at Revelstoke, in behalf of the Revelstoke Navigation Co., and if business prospects warrant, this company will extend its system to serve the Canoe River country, and as far as the Juanes Cache, to develop business offering between Revelstoke and the G. T. P. and C. N. R. construction camps.

Mr. Justice Martin has handed down judgment in the case of Garrigan vs. the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, Ltd., which was tried at Nelson on May 13 last. The plaintiff claimed \$8,000 damages, and is awarded \$4,000. The evidence showed that John Bower Carrigan was engaged by the defendant company to act as head brakeman in their mine at Phoenix. A car jumped the track and his leg was crushed so that it had to be amputated. The judge says the accident was caused by the long-established and effective system of "kicking" the cars into the drift, and the defendant company is liable at common law for the consequences of this negligence. His lordship assessed the damages at \$4,000. The accident occurred last December.

THE GREAT NORTHERN

Will Urge Construction From the West in Easterly Direction.

According to Mainland press reports, while the Great Northern intends pushing the completion of its line to the coast simultaneously from both ends, in this province, the most vigorous attack will be made from the west-easterly, as indicated by the removal of Chief Engineer Kennedy's headquarters to Abbotsford. In all probability Mr. Hale will remain in charge of operations at the eastern end of the line.

Last Tuesday Mr. Kennedy, with Superintendent Morgan and Government Inspector Drury went through to Princeton on an official inspection trip. So far as the route from Hood to Keremeos is concerned, it was found in excellent shape, fit for regular traffic. The Hedley-Princeton stretch was not so favorably regarded, the ballasting material having been of inferior quality, and an overhaul in the spring will be necessary in order that the degree of efficiency may be obtained which the company insists upon.

Now that the inspection is over and the road duly passed by the government's representative, a regular timetable will be issued, and traffic arrangements will be taken in hand by Superintendent Morgan, staging com-

MAN'S HEART SHIFTED

Toronto, Ont.—Frank Thomas, 23 Hillsboro St., came to St. Michael's Hospital, suffering with severe pains in the region of the heart.

Upon examination, the physicians found that his heart had moved from its normal place on the left side, to the right side next to the lung.

The physicians said that the heart was forced out of position by the pressure of gas formed by Acute Indigestion.

You see, indigestion is not "a little thing" to be lightly dismissed. It is not only annoying, unpleasant and painful, but it may become exceedingly dangerous.

"Fruit-a-tives," the wonderful fruit juice tablets, absolutely cure Indigestion, Dyspepsia, "Fruit-a-tives" acts directly on the stomach, increases the flow of digestive juices, strengthens the stomach muscles, insures sound digestion, and by regulating bowels and kidneys, keeps the stomach sweet and clean.

50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial size 25c.—at dealers or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

ing to an end and passenger traffic being inaugurated tomorrow.

With respect to discussion of the Heta mainline route during the late campaign, Chief Engineer Kennedy has been making it plain that he has never said, nor has Premier McBride ever represented him as having said, that the building of a railroad over the Heta mountains was impracticable. What has been said is that the building of a transcontinental freight line capable of lowering the freight tariff is impracticable, as a better grade than 2-1-2 per cent. cannot be found.

In many cases branch lines can be and are operated, however, with a 2.5 per cent. grade.

The American schooner Honolulu, which has been loading lumber at the Hastings mill, Vancouver, was towed out to sea yesterday bound for the Southern Pacific Islands. The vessel took 660,327 feet of lumber from Vancouver.

The Dyspepsia of Old Age

Strong Digestion and an Adequate Nutrition Invariably Mean a Long and Healthy Life

There is a process known as metabolism going on constantly in the body, and by which the tissues are built up, and after having served their purpose in the physical economy, are torn down and cast off.

So long as the due relation between waste and supply is maintained, nutrition, and the various functions of the body are continued. But after middle life and in old age there comes a time when waste exceeds supply, and when the various elements which constitute the different tissues, muscles and organs no longer hold their due proportion, and the principal of life itself becomes enfeebled, the body no longer having power to assimilate new material as it creeps on.

As old age creeps on, all the functions gradually fail, especially those of digestion, absorption and assimilation, and the system being deprived of its full quota of nutriment, slowly wears out. If the nutritive and digestive processes of old people could be maintained unimpaired, life could be prolonged indefinitely.

There are many old persons in whose stomachs the gastric function is almost entirely suspended. When this trouble occurs the problem is how to digest the food and get along with it, and the natural stomach juices. There is but one way to overcome the effects of this condition, and that is to supply artificially to the stomach a powerful digestive substance to take the place of the juices which it fails to secrete naturally.

For this purpose, there is nothing superior to STUART'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS known to medical science, as they supply the deficiency, and are such a reliable and thoroughly efficient substitute for the natural gastric juices, that if two or three are taken after each meal, the food will be digested in so complete a manner, that the natural digestive fluids will never be missed.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets should be used by all old and middle aged persons, in order to prevent or cure the dyspepsia of old age. Through their use complete digestion of the food is assured, with a consequent increased nutrition of the body, and a staving off of the sensibility and decrepitude of old age.

This remedy is, however, not only good for the indigestion incidental to advanced life, but is also applicable to the dyspepsia and stomach troubles of any age, from youth up.

Secure a package of this famous dyspepsia remedy from your druggist for 50c and if you find that as you get older, your digestion and assimilation becomes weaker, this remedy will assist the stomach in the performance of its functions, so that the general system will not suffer from the delinquency of the digestive organs.

A sample package will be sent you if you will forward your name and address to the F. A. Stuart Company, 150 Stuart Building, Marshall, Michigan.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of William Hassard, late of the city of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" to all creditors of the estate to deliver to the undersigned before the 28th day of December, 1909, full particulars of their claims, verified by Statutory Declaration. After such date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

Dated at Victoria this 22nd day of November, 1909.

MCPHILLIPS & DAVIE,
Of Davie Chambers, No. 545 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executor.

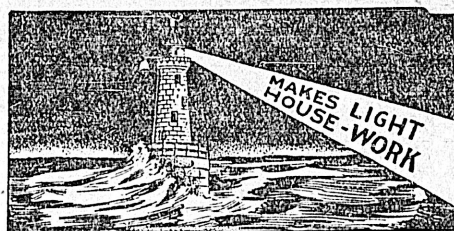
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Principal, J. W. CHURCH, M.A.

Alarm System Affected.
The high wind of Monday night played havoc with the alarm system in some parts of the city, and several boxes were put out of commission. The necessary repairs were effected yesterday. In James Bay a powerful falling across the alarm circuit cut out four alarm boxes.

"Bound by an Oath."
The performance of "Bound by an Oath" at Temple's hall tonight and tomorrow by the V. W. A. D. S. will start at 8.30. This has been found necessary owing to the length of the play. The music will be furnished by Miss Harris' orchestra and on Thursday a dance will be given after the show.

WESTERN SOAP CO., LTD



WHILE
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The inventor of LIGHTHOUSE SOAP and the secret process of manufacture is an old resident of Victoria, Mr. Geo. F. Langley, who sold his drug business to become the chemist of the company.

The estimate in the prospectus of 100 cases per day is based on the large orders received for Lighthouse Soap, but which cannot be filled owing to the small capacity of the present plant. The company's travellers had to be called in, as it was impossible to fill orders, among them several car-load lots.

With the new and large plant in successful operation, it can be easily determined that the stock of the company in the course of a short time will have a saleable value three or four times above par.

Applicants for stock will pay 25 per cent. cash and 25 per cent. on allotment within thirty days thereafter. It may not be necessary for a considerable time to make calls for the remaining 50 per cent., but in this case thirty days' notice must be given for each 25 per cent. call.

This industrial stock furnishes an excellent opportunity for investors to secure stock in a provincial company which there is every sound reason to believe will have a highly successful career.

Prospectuses forms of application and Lighthouse Soap samples may be secured from the undersigned, who has been named as the official broker for the City of Victoria and surrounding districts.

Applications by mail will be promptly attended to.

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Canvasser wanted to sell stock. Good "uolssjuuoo"

A WORD TO THE WISE

The following testimonial from someone you know.

Victoria, B. C.,
Nov. 27, 1909.

Mr. R. P. Clark.

Dear Sir:—Since purchasing my Buick Car from you on July 12th, I have travelled between 3,500 and 4,000 miles, and outside of three punctures, I have not spent one cent in bugabooes, and can cheerfully recommend the Buick Car to any intending purchaser.

(Signed) S. B. MOODY.

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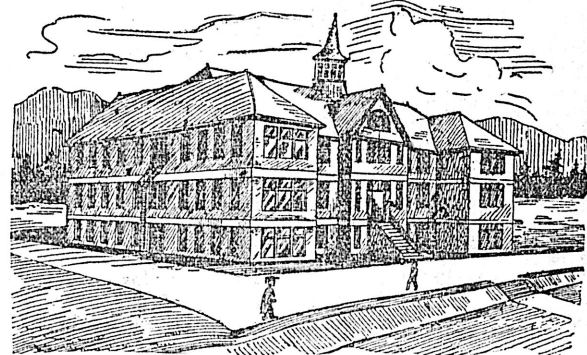
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Excellent accommodation for Boarders. Property of five acres. Spacious School-buildings. Gymnasium.

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Real Estate, Financial and Insurance Agents. Phone 2162. Room 21, 618 Yates St.

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full basement, good lot. Price, \$1,300. Good terms.

NEW SEVEN ROOM HOUSE, FULLY
modern, Chamberlain St. Good sidewalk and road; large lot. Finished in the latest style. Price \$3,750. Good terms.

GOOD LARGE LOT ON CRAIGFLOWER
Road on corner. Price \$500. Terms.

NEW FIVE ROOM COTTAGE, FULLY
modern, on Deane St., on large lot. Price \$2,100. Good terms.

FOUR ROOM HOUSE, WITH LARGE
attic, and two good lots, on Davis St. Price \$2,500. Good terms.

NEW SIX ROOM COTTAGE, WITH A
large hall and pantry; one-half acre of good land; no rock. A lot of good fruit and small fruit. Large wood shed stable. Adjacent to the City Hall in Oak Bay district. Price \$1,200. Terms.

SOME GOOD LOTS ON DUNEDIN ST.
Price \$700. Terms.

ONE GOOD LOT ON EDMONTON ROAD.
Price \$125. \$50 down and \$10 per month.

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\$7000 WILL buy 4 lots, 60x120 each,
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MONTREAL AVENUE—SIX ACRES.
cultivated, 7 room house; stable; fruit trees. Terms, \$10,000.

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WILKINSON STREET—STORE, 25 x 100.
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CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, having determined that it is desirable to execute the following works of local improvement, namely:

1. To pave Herald street from Government street to Store street with wooden blocks, treated with creosote and placed on a concrete foundation.

2. To construct curbs, gutters and sidewalks (including maintenance) on both sides of Village street between Belmont avenue and Stanley avenue;

3. To pave Douglas street from View street to Cormorant street with wooden blocks, treated with creosote, and placed on a concrete foundation;

4. To pave Douglas street from Humboldt street to View street, with wooden blocks, treated with creosote and placed on a concrete foundation.

5. To grade, rock surface and drain St. Andrew street from Simcoe street to Niagara street, and to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides thereof, with curbs, gutters and boulevards (including maintenance);

6. To construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of St. Lawrence street, between Erie street and Niagara street, and to grade and rock surface the roadway of said street;

And that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law" and amendments thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said by-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor as aforesaid having been adopted by the Council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street, and that unless a petition against any proposed work of local improvement above mentioned, signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property to be assessed for such improvement, and representing at least one-half of the value of the said land or real property, is presented to the Council within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice, the Council will proceed with the proposed improvement upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the Council may by by-law in that behalf regulate and determine.

W. L. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C., City Clerk's office, Victoria, B. C., December 8th, 1909.

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of Arni Breidford, Deceased, Intestate.

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors of the above-named Arni Breidford, deceased, are to present and before the 31st day of December, 1909, send particulars of their claims, duly verified by statutory declaration, to the undersigned, and to present and before the said date are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

At and at Victoria, B. C., this fourth day of November, 1909.

SYDNEY CHARLES THOMSON, Denman Street, Victoria, B. C., Administrator of the Estate of Arni Breidford, Deceased, Intestate.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Metal Work, Suspension Bridge, Lillooet.

The time for receiving tenders for the metal work of the Suspension Bridge, Lillooet, is hereby extended to noon of Saturday, the 28th day of August.

Public Works Engineer.
Department of Public Works, B. C., 20th August, 1909.

PART IV
"WATER CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1897"

1. This is to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited" (especially incorporated pursuant to Part IV of the above mentioned Act, on the 6th day of January, 1907), for the purpose of exercising the rights, powers, privileges and priorities in and by Part IV of the said Act created, granted and conferred, has applied under section 87 of the above mentioned Act, to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for approval of the proposed undertakings and works as required by section 85 of the said Act, and also the plans showing the situation of the proposed undertakings and works, and that he said undertakings and works, as shown by the said documents and plans, have been approved, and that the same are as follows:

(a.) The construction of a dam and storage reservoir on, respectively, Bear Creek and Alligator Creek, tributaries of the Jordan River; the construction of main diverting works at a point on the Jordan River about 2-1/4 miles north-east from the southwesterly boundary of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Grant; the construction of a storage reservoir at the headwaters of the Jordan River, known as the Jordan Meadows; the construction of a storage reservoir on Y Creek, a tributary of the said Jordan River, and the construction of diverting works on the said "Y" creek, as also the construction of a dam and storage reservoir on Y Creek to the main diverting works herebefore mentioned; the construction of a regulating reservoir at some point upon the land held under timber license number 38,629, and to be known as Forebay Reservoir; the construction of a dam and ditch from said main diverting works to the said Forebay Reservoir; the construction in and upon some portion of Lot 1, Renouveau district, of a power-house and the installation therein of electrical machinery for the generation of power; the construction of a pipeline to carry out the power from the Forebay Reservoir to the said power-house; the construction of a transmission line to carry out the power from the said power-house to the City of Victoria, and throughout the surrounding districts, and in and throughout the area covered in the Memorandum of Association of the Company; the construction of roads, trails and bridges, and all other works necessary for the execution of the works of the said Company as hereinbefore set out; the erection of poles for the transmission of power, as also telegraph poles and lines and telephones when and where deemed necessary, including the right to erect such poles along the sides of public highways, and to cross and re-cross said public highways and bridges, and the stringing of wires along the poles, and the laying of telegraph lines from the ground, and generally the construction of such further and other works as may be necessary for the complete carrying on of the aforesaid undertakings.

(b.) The water power so to be generated, and the electricity and power so generated, will be utilized to supply power chiefly to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, which operates the street car system of the City of Victoria and adjoining and surrounding municipalities and districts, and also supplies public and private lighting, and all necessary and contemplated extensions to this system; it is also proposed to furnish power, heat and light for manufacturing, industrial and traction purposes throughout Saanich Peninsula, and throughout the area authorized in the Memorandum of Association of the Company; the power will be developed by the use of Pelton Water Wheels, or by the best and most modern machinery, and converted into electrical energy, and transmitted by copper or other wires to the required points of user.

2. Provided, however, that the Company shall not proceed to construct the dams and reservoirs for the retention of water until the plans and specifications for the said works shall have been first filed in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, and the said plans and specifications have received the approval of the said Chief Engineer.

3. And this is further to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited," shall at least have duly subscribed, before it commences the construction of its undertakings and works, or exercises any of the powers in that behalf conferred by the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," Part IV, ten thousand shares of one dollar each.

The further amount of capital required to fully complete the undertaking and works to be provided by the issue of first mortgage bonds or debentures of the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited," up to the amount of three hundred thousand pounds sterling (£300,000), the principal and interest thereof to be guaranteed by the "British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited," or be otherwise guaranteed and floated.

4. And this is further to certify that the time within which the said capital, namely, to the extent of at least ten thousand dollars is to be subscribed, is before the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, and the time within which the said undertaking and works are to be commenced is before the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof, and the time within which the proposed works shall be in operation is fixed at three years from the date hereof.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1909.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE, Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED.

COWLEY-BAGSHAW—At St. Mark's, Victoria, on Tuesday, 7th Dec., by the Rev. Dean Cowley, of Winnipeg, father of the bridegroom, Francis Penrose Young, to Frances Sybil Bagshaw, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. B. Bagshaw, of Swallowfield, Richardson St., Victoria.

DIED.

HOWELL—At Pasadena, Cal., on the 6th inst., Harriette Howell, wife of the Hon. Chief Justice of Manitoba, youngest daughter of the late Edmund Lally, Esq., of Barrie, Ont.



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Rockland Park Lots

This sub-division is the choicest of any on the market today; most of the property commands a view of the whole city. It is near the new George Jay school, and with the advent of the car line coming up this side avenue, will easily double in value. Price of lots is \$300 up; \$100 cash; balance monthly.

DELIVER POWER IN TWELVEMONTH

Directors of B. C. Electric Railway Company Pass Appropriations

General Manager R. H. Sperling, of the British Columbia Electric Railway Co., Ltd., who has just returned from England, announces that the directors of that company have just passed appropriations amounting in the aggregate to \$6,000,000 for the prosecution of extensions and improvements of the company's various services throughout British Columbia.

One especially large and important work to be immediately undertaken will be the erection of a large steam auxiliary plant in the city of Vancouver, the company having taken a lesson from the experience of other large hydraulic power plants—notably that of Winnipeg—to be prepared for all emergencies. The steam plant for Vancouver, to be proceeded with immediately, will provide for the generation of 20,000 horsepower. Included in the business which received special and careful attention at the just-held meeting of the company's directorate were plans in connection with the establishment of the important power plant for the supply of the allied services of Victoria and vicinity which is now in establishment at Jordan river. The company expects to be in a position to deliver current in Victoria twelve months from now.

FEARS FOR BISHOP

Non-Arrival of Rev. Dr. Stringer at Dawson Alarms.

Friends of Bishop Stringer in the Yukon are worried at present over his non-arrival at Dawson on the last steamer from the lower river, according to the White Horse Star.

With competent guides Bishop Stringer left via the Edmonton trail last June for the mission posts in the north, Port McPherson and Herschel Island, the latter in the Arctic Sea. It was his intention to visit the Indians in the vicinity of the last, and then return to the lower Yukon River and come on to Carcross, where his wife and children were to join him, they having remained with relatives at Kincaid, Ont., while he was away on his long northern voyage.

While the bishop is long overdue, it is not thought by his friends that anything serious has overtaken him, as it is known that the Porcupine River froze up very early this year, and that travel by it was out of the question fully three weeks earlier than usual.

For this reason it is believed that the bishop is staying with the Indians until the spring thaw, and then making his way from the Mackenzie River, his home and hunting grounds, to Dawson, which is usually late in December or early in January.

ALL SIGNS SPELL GREAT PROSPERITY

Traffic Manager C. P. R. Declares That 1910 Will See Canada Make Rapid Advances.

That the remarkably fine wheat crop of the prairie provinces and of the middle states is going to bring unprecedented prosperity to Canada is the opinion of W. R. McInnis, general traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, with headquarters at Montreal, who, in company with W. L. Lanning, district traffic manager for the same corporation stationed at Winnipeg, arrived in the city yesterday. It is his intention to spend a day or so investigating local conditions, returning to Vancouver and thence starting for the east again towards the end of the week.

About British Columbia's agitation for cheaper freight rates and regarding the prospective shipment of wheat to the world's markets via the Pacific coast Mr. McInnis had nothing to say. He declared that the former question, being before the railway commissioners, was not one that he would care to discuss. The probability of the west getting the bulk of the business that now found its way through the eastern provinces depended on developments. This was another issue which, for reasons, he did not wish to debate.

Outlook Splendid.

While reticent on these subjects, Mr. McInnis had no hesitation in stating that the outlook throughout the Dominion was splendid. It had never been better. He thought that 1910 would be a banner year. The wheat crop was larger than ever. That meant that there would be an immense amount of money directed into the middle-west. It followed that the farmers would make heavy investments with the manufacturers in the purchase of agricultural implements. That was only an instance. Looking at the situation broadly there wasn't a question but that people would have plenty, the resources of the partially settled and unsettled districts would be exploited and the country which the colony would forge ahead well in the van of other budding nations.

Of British Columbia Mr. McInnis had nothing more to say than that it would keep pace with the other parts of the confederation. "What is the situation here now?" he asked. Without waiting for a reply he exclaimed: "Look at the movement in Vancouver! Much the same, I understand, is the case here. I haven't been in the city long enough to have personal knowledge but from what I have heard Victoria is not being left far behind." The signs of what was going to happen in the Canadian Northwest, Mr. McInnis affirmed could be read in the progress being made by the two coast centres. He felt sure that it would continue, possibly with accelerated rapidity as the months passed.

It is not the intention of Messrs. McInnis and Lanning to make a tour over the B. C. N. W. coast, although they would have liked to do so had their been time for such a digression from their tour. However Mr. McInnis said that the company was satisfied with the traffic, the growing traffic, of the road. He was confident that with the opening of the Alberni extension the business would increase in a marked degree and the island would be immensely benefited.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Wessel

The funeral of the late John Wessel will take place this afternoon from the chapel of the British Columbia Under-

taking company, Government street, at 2:30 p.m., proceeding to the Ross Bay cemetery, where interment will take place. Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard will officiate at the chapel and the graveside.

Perett

The funeral of the late John Perett, who died on Sunday last in this city, will take place tomorrow morning at 8:45, from the Victoria Undertaking parlors. The deceased was a native of Honolulu, was 23 years of age, and unmarried. Requiem mass will be sung at St. Andrew's Cathedral by Rev. Father Leterme at 8:45, the interment being at Ross Bay cemetery.

Slater

The death occurred yesterday morning of Miss Annie Louise Slater at the residence of her mother, Mrs. A. Thomas, 2743 Quadra street, after a lingering illness. The late Miss Slater was well known here and respected, she being a native daughter and educated in the local schools. The deceased leaves a mother, step-father, two half-sisters and one half-brother to mourn her death. The funeral will take place from the British Columbia Undertaking parlors on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

WILLIAMS LEARNS ON HIS TRAVELS

But It Costs Man From Prairies Pretty Penny Before Education's Complete

To his trusting nature Samuel Williams, a tiller of the soil in the prairie section, can ascribe the fact that today he is mourning exactly \$100 which his good nature led him to give to a chance acquaintance whose tale of distress touched his sympathetic heart. It was only after he had been "done" that Williams, a verdant individual unaccustomed to city ways, and one thing that of woe to the police authorities but needless to say the man who wheeled away his coin had left for parts unknown.

Williams, who has a brother residing in the vicinity of Sidney, was en route to Victoria on Tuesday evening on the Princess Charlotte. Attired in a conical skin coat and a countenance which reflected the verdancy of the 100-acre-farm back in Manitoba, he looked good to a sharper eye, over a friendly glass, got into conversation with the man from the land of frigid-ity. It developed that Williams was going to Sidney. It was strange but the stranger was owner of large coal mines at the same spot and one thing that was lacking were competent teamsters who could draw down \$50 per month and board of the best and incidentals which could be made to count. Incidentally there was a shipment of mining machinery due at Victoria on which the heartiest customs authorities needed money. The sharper, who gave the name of J. A. Harding, confided to Williams that customs duty to the amount of \$100 would have to be paid. True, he had unlimited credit but there might be delay in cashing some drafts which he possessed.

The Touch.

The friendship became pronounced and when the boat arrived it was arranged that the two should meet at the Drury hotel, where Williams was to stop. But before they separated Harding displayed a cheque drawn on the Bank of Nova Scotia, Winnipeg, for \$1,000 signed by C. C. Campbell, president of the Winnipeg Improvement Co., Ltd., and payable to Harding. Williams, who had an order on the bank of Nova Scotia, readily consented to part with \$100 in cold coin, the arrangement being that he should present the cheque, which had been duly endorsed, and the order, at the bank yesterday morning, and secure the funds out of which he should reimburse himself and pay the balance of the \$1,000 to Harding. Williams took the offer without a suspicion but yesterday when he called at the hotel he found the funds had not been sent. He had the night previous engaged a room but had not slept in it. Then a visit to the bank disclosed the fact that nothing was known of Harding or Campbell or the mines at Sidney. The Williams appeared to be a cold but doubtless ere that Harding, or whatever his name had disappeared.

The order, which went along with the cheque, was a work of art. It was written on an ornate promissory note form but instead of saying "I promise," it read "I have to pay," at some indefinite time after the date the \$100 secured from Williams. Williams was left with just \$3.25 in cash. This amount he spent in getting to his mother at Sidney. The \$100 he has given up for lost.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

Argument on an application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of George Lye, a West Coast Indian, will be heard by Chief Justice Hunter in chambers today, an order nisi having been made in the case yesterday. R. C. Lowe is appearing for Lye, and H. D. Helmecken, K.C., is acting for the applicants. Lye is alleged to have been taken from a Mosquito harbor company and he was committed to custody at Clayquot. An error in procedure and a defect in the indictment will be argued by the defence.

Chief Justice Hunter in chambers yesterday granted an application for an examining order in the case of the Seattle National bank vs. the Sankey Lumber company. Mr. Lawson for the plaintiff, and Mr. Robertson for the defendant.

Probate was granted in the will of S. H. Stephens, deceased, Mr. Hall for the applicants, and letters of administration were granted re W. P. Stephens, deceased, on application of Mr. Crease.

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